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Villas on Sixth

The Villas on Sixth (Villas) is a mixed-use, mixed-income, 160-unit, apartment complex serving residents at or below 50 percent of the area median family income and is located less than two miles from the state capitol. The Villas was developed with a public-private partnership between the City of Austin, Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), and Campbell-Hogue and Associates. The Villas celebrated its grand opening in May 2006.



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Vision, Mission, National Objectives

Vision and Mission

City of Austin Vision:

We want Austin to be the most livable city in the country.

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Office Mission:

To provide housing, community development, and small business development services to benefit eligible residents so they can have access to livable neighborhoods and increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency.

To accomplish this mission, NHCD directly administers a variety of programs to serve the community's housing, community development, and economic development needs and provides funding to various agencies and non-profit organizations.

National Goals

Federal law requires that housing and community development grant funds primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons in accordance with the following HUD goals:

Provide a suitable living environment

This includes improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within areas by de-concentrating housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons; and conserving energy resources.

Provide decent housing

Included within this broad goal are the following: assist homeless persons in obtaining affordable housing; retain the affordable housing stock; increase the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income Americans without discrimination; and increase supportive housing that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity.

Expand economic opportunities

Within this goal are creating jobs accessible to low- and very low-income persons; providing access to credit for community development that promotes long-term economic and social viability; and empowering low-income persons in federally assisted and public housing to achieve self-sufficiency.

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Vision, Mission, National Objectives

Annual HUD Process

In order to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), every five years the City of Austin is required by law to prepare a **Consolidated Plan**. The Consolidated Plan combines in one report important information about Austin/Travis County demographics and economic activity as well as detailed information on the housing and job needs of its residents. The Plan also includes comments from the public received during public hearings, stakeholder meetings, and in writing.

This Plan was developed under HUD guidelines and serves as the application for the following four formula grant programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

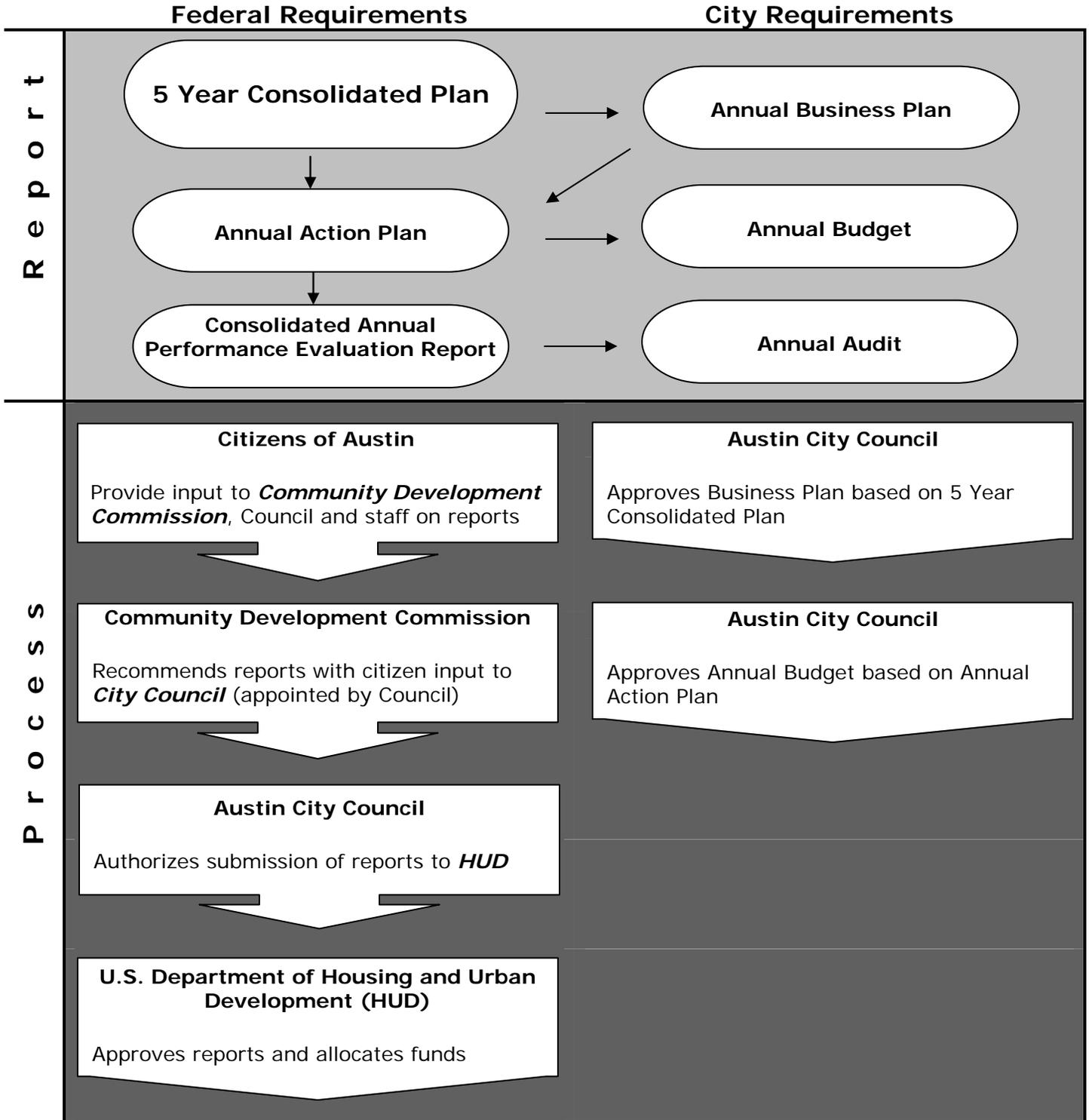
All funding recommendations for and programs operated with these funds were judged based on their ability to help the City meet the goals and priorities established in this Plan.

For each succeeding year, the City of Austin is required to prepare a **one-year Action Plan** to notify citizens and HUD of the City's intended actions during that particular fiscal year. This action plan includes citizen and stakeholder input and is due to the HUD Field Office in San Antonio, Texas by August 15 annually.

At the end of each fiscal year, the City must also prepare a **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** to provide information to HUD and citizens about that year's accomplishments. This information allows HUD, City officials, and the public to evaluate the City's performance and determine whether the activities undertaken during the fiscal year helped meet the City's five-year goals and to address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, must be submitted to HUD annually by December 31.

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HUD and City of Austin Allocation Process



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Lead Agency

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD) is designated by the Austin City Council as the single point of contact with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and lead agency for the grant administration of the CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG programs. The City designates NHCD to administrate the CDBG and HOME programs. The City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to administrate the HOPWA and ESG programs.

As the single point of contact for HUD, NHCD is responsible for developing the five-year Consolidated and annual Action Plans, and the end of year report, the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). NHCD coordinates these reports with the HHSD and the Community Development Commission (CDC).

The City of Austin allocates local revenue for housing, community development and economic development activities. These sources include General Fund, Housing Trust Fund, Housing Assistance Fund, and Housing Capital Improvement Funds. In 2006 the citizens of Austin approved \$55 million in general obligations bonds for affordable housing that will be spent over 7 years. NHCD was appointed by City Council as the lead agency for allocating these new funds. For convenience to citizens and community leaders and consistency in reporting, the City of Austin reflects these funds and accomplishments in HUD reports, including the annual Action Plan and CAPER.

Priorities for funding

HUD defines high priorities as those programs which will be funded in a program year. Medium priorities are those that will only be funded if funding becomes available, and low priorities are those that will not be funded in a program year. The City of Austin has determined that while infrastructure is a need in the community and an eligible CDBG expense, these funds are used instead for housing and community development. Therefore, public infrastructure is a low priority in Austin.

Electronic Reports and Publications

All public documents are available online for download at the City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office's website:
www.ci.austin.tx.us/housing/publications.htm

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Consolidated Plan Priorities Fiscal Year 2004-09

Priority Name	Priority
Owner-occupied	High
Homebuyer Services	High
Rental	High
Assisted	High
Public Housing	N/A
Transitional	High
Homeless/Emergency Shelter	High
Small Business Development	High
Commercial Revitalization	High
Public Services (Neighborhood Revitalization)	High
Public Facilities	Medium
Infrastructure	Low

Method for establishing priorities

The citizens of Austin were instrumental in the development of the priorities in the Consolidated Plan fiscal year 2004-09, which was the result of almost a year of activity by the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD).

1. City staff drew on authoritative sources to provide a quantitative analysis of housing and community development needs.
2. The City hired an independent consultant to evaluate impediments to fair housing choice and assess the needs of special populations.
3. Staff conducted five public hearings at which more than 115 people testified.
4. Staff held seven meetings with service providers from housing, elderly services, child care, youth services, fair housing, economic development, small businesses, neighborhood revitalization projects, Housing Authorities, and other government agencies.

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5. NHCD collected 1,029 citizen surveys and received 20 letters from the public during the written comment period on community needs.
6. NHCD staff made several presentations to the public of all the data gathered through the four months of needs assessment activities.
7. Professional program staff used this information to evaluate existing programs and project future demand and capacity in priority areas.
8. Upon presentation of the draft Consolidated Plan, additional public comments were received at two public hearings and in 39 letters. These comments were considered in the final preparation for the plan and to establish priorities.

Staff used the market study to discuss priorities and understand general trends. The information received from various forms of citizen participation underscored the changes that occurred in the market. The priorities identified and recommendations included in the Consolidated Plan balance public desires for current or new programs with existing commitments and funding realities.

Given this input and the current funding reality, the City of Austin focuses its programs on serving fundamental needs of the Austin community. These needs include housing, through the various stages of the housing continuum; employment, through small business development, commercial revitalization; and public services. Public Facilities was designated a medium priority, with no new funding identified during the Consolidated Plan period. A significant share of Austin's CDBG funding, however, is committed to debt service on three Section 108 loans for two existing public facilities, the Millennium Youth Center and the Austin Resource for the Homeless, and revitalization of East 11th and 12th Streets.

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Public Participation

The Action Plan is a one-year strategic plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities under certain federal housing and community development grant programs. The fiscal year 2007-08 Action Plan must show progress toward meeting the goals established in the Consolidated Plan 2004-2009. Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), revised by City Council on January 29, 2004, outlines the following procedures for the Action Plan:

CPP Requirements for the Needs Assessment (before the release of the Draft Action Plan)

- 1) NHCD will gather statistical data, and input from citizens and consultations
- 2) A public hearing with the Community Development Commission to receive citizen input on the City's performance report for the preceding year and proposed action plan
- 3) A public hearing before City Council on the proposed Action Plan

CPP Requirements for the Draft Action Plan

- 1) A Draft Action Plan will be available for 30 days for public comment
- 2) During the comment period, City Council will conduct a public hearing to receive oral public comment on the draft
- 3) The Community Development Commission will also conduct a public hearing to receive oral public comment on the draft

The Community Development Commission (CDC) and the Austin City Council held public hearings to gather information from citizens on the community's housing and economic development needs and priorities. These public hearings were advertised in local papers and are reported in this fiscal year 2007-08 Draft Action Plan. The testimony from these hearings can be found in Section 6.

Public Hearings on the Needs Assessment:

- City Council Public Hearing, Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.
- Community Development Commission Public Hearing, Thursday, March 15th at 6:30 PM at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.

The CDC and the City Council will conduct two public hearings on the draft Action Plan.

- Community Development Commission Public Hearing, Thursday, May 10th, at 6:30 PM at the City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 W. Second St.

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- City Council Public Hearing, Thursday, May 17th, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.

A summary of testimony from the public was used to help the City identify community needs and allocate funding accordingly and can be found in the Section 6. (NOTE: Public comments are welcome at any weekly City Council hearing and at monthly CDC meetings.)

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office works to maintain and nurture relationships with neighborhood groups and service providers in low- to moderate-income communities by attending numerous meetings and events. In preparation for the fiscal year 2007-08 Action Plan, NHCD worked to assess community needs using reports, studies, and consultations with housing non-profits and developers, community members, mental health social service providers; homeless service providers; government agencies, and the public housing authorities.

Evaluation of Past Performance

City of Austin Annual Goals and Accomplishments			
	Annual Goal for Fiscal Year 2005-06 from Consolidated Plan	Annual Goal for Fiscal Year 2005-06 from Action Plan	Fiscal Year 2005-06 Accomplishment
Housing	6,166	9,371	15,365
Community Development	33,955	37,924	45,637
Total Households	40,121	47,295	61,002

Housing Strategies, Five-Year Goals, and Accomplishments

OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible households with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:

Consolidated Plan Housing Goal: Over 6,000 households will gain and/or retain housing annually using the following strategies

CONSOLIDATED PLAN STRATEGIES									
Strategy A. Provide housing services through a continuum from homelessness to homeownership. Accomplishment: Please refer to the following accomplishments for each step of the housing continuum.									
Strategy	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Families	Accomplishments*			Proposed Accomplishments: Annual Goals in Consolidate Plan			Funding**
			Proposed FY 2005 - 2006 in Action Plan	Actual FY 2005 -2006	Percent of 5-Year Consolidated Plan Goal Accomplished in FY 2004-05 and 2005-06	FY 2006 2007	FY 2007 2008	FY 2008 2009	
Strategy B. Owner Occupied - Provide opportunities for households to retain their homes through rehabilitation and construction.									
Owner-occupied	High	Small Family/ Large Family/ Elderly/ Disabled	986	913	42%	850	940	940	CDBG, HOME, HTF, HAF, LHCG
Strategy C. Homebuyer - Provide opportunities for homebuyers through financing and construction to access S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ produced by non-profits and for-profit housing developers.									
Homebuyer Services	High	Small Family/ Large Family	245	135	26%	251	274	274	CDBG, HOME, GF, HTF, HAF, ADDI
Strategy D. Rental – Provide resources to non-profit/for-profit housing developers to construct S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ rental units and rehabilitate existing rental units.									
Rental	High	Small/Large Family/ Elderly/Disabled	238	270	40%	271	275	275	CDBG, HOME, HTF, GF
Strategy E. Assisted – Provide resources to eligible households to access or retain affordable rental units.									
Assisted	High	Homeless; people with HIV/AIDS	772	614	33%	610	749	749	HOME, HTF, HOPWA
Public Housing	N/A	All types of cost-burdened housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Strategy	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Families	Accomplishments*			Proposed Accomplishments: Annual Goals in Consolidate Plan			Funding**
			Proposed FY 2005 - 2006 in Action Plan	Actual FY 2005 -2006	Percent of 5-Year Consolidated Plan Goal Accomplished in FY 2004-05 and 2005-06	FY 2006 2007	FY 2007 2008	FY 2008 2009	
Transitional***	High	There are no programs that are strictly transitional.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strategy G. Emergency and Homeless Shelters – Assist eligible persons in securing and non-profits in creating emergency shelter and homeless shelter opportunities and supportive services.									
Emergency Homeless Shelter	High	Homeless, chronic homeless	4075	9772	138%	5742	2320	2,320	ESG
Sub-total Housing			6316	11,704	88%	7,724	4,558	4,558	
Strategy H. Other Funded Projects									
S.M.A.R.T. Housing™	N/A	Small/Large Family/ Elderly/Disabled	1500	1692	46%	1,500	1500	1,500	GF, EDI
Bonds	N/A	Small/Large Family/ Elderly/Disabled	40	33	33%	172	172	144	
Voluntary Compliance	N/A	Small/Large Family/ Elderly/Disabled	1515	1936	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	GF
Sub-total Other Funded			3055	3,661	44%	1,672	1,672	1,644	
TOTAL ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS			9,371	15,365	83%	9,396	6,230	6,202	

* See fiscal year 2005-06 CAPER, Section 3, for explanation of why accomplishments differ from goals.

** See Section 2 for definitions of federal and non-federal funding sources

*** At this time, any projects that are considered transitional are funded through the RHDA program and the accomplishments can be found there.

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Community Development Strategies, Five-Year Goals, and Accomplishments

OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible households with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:

Consolidated Plan Community Development Goal: Assist over 30,000 low-income households annually using the following strategies

Strategy	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Families	Accomplishments*			Proposed Accomplishments: Annual Goals in Consolidate Plan			Funding**
			Proposed FY 2005 - 2006 in Action Plan	Actual FY 2005 - 2006	Percent of 5-Year Consolidated Plan Goal Accomplished in FY 2004-05 and 2005-06	FY 2006-2007	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	
Strategy A. Community Revitalization - Serve low-income households, small businesses, and housing non-profit organizations, and, provide commercial space.									
Community Revitalization	High	Low- to moderate-income	3,269	18	20%	3269	3269	3269	CDBG/ Section 108
Strategy B. Small Business Development - Serve low-income households and small businesses.									
Small Business Development	High	Small Business Owners	266	47	30%	62	261	258	CDBG/ Section 108
Strategy C. Public Services - Serve low-income households through the following activities:									
Public Services (Neighborhood Revitalization)	High	Low- to moderate-income	34,389	45,572	53%	33725	33585	32209	CDBG
Public Facilities was designated as a Medium priority, which using HUD's definition means that this category will not be funded unless there are funds available, at which time, there will have to be a reprogramming to re-prioritize this category as a high priority. There are projects in this category that will be completed in future fiscal years, however, which were funded from fiscal year 2003-04.									
Public Facilities	Medium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strategy C. Public Services - Serve low-income households through the following activities:									
Infrastructure	Low	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total			37,924	45,637	50%	37,056	37,115	35,736	

* See fiscal year 2005-06 CAPER, Section 3, for explanation of why accomplishments differ from goals.

** See Section 2 for definitions of federal and non-federal funding sources.

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Outcome Performance Measures

Outcome Performance Measures

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, on March 7, 2006, issued the *Notice of Outcome Performance Measurement System for Community Planning and Development Formula Grant Programs*. This Notice describes the new required outcome performance measurement system for communities that receive formula grants. The City of Austin's outcome performance measures will allow HUD to clearly demonstrate program results at the national level. The following chart describes the outcome performance measures for fiscal year 2007-08 for the City of Austin.

Outcome Performance Measures				
	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE	HUD OBJECTIVE	HUD OUTCOME
PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING				
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Homeless/Emergency Shelter Services</i>				
	Shelter Operation and Maintenance (ARCH)	ESG	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
	Homeless Essential Services (ATHHSD CDU)	ESG	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
	Homeless Essential Services (Hsg Benefits Spec/Chronic Homeless)	ESG	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Assisted Housing</i>				
	Tenant-based rental assistance	HOME, PI (HOME), HTF	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	HOPWA	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Residential Support Services	HOPWA	Decent Housing	Availability/Accessibility
	Permanent Supportive Housing	HOPWA	Decent Housing	Availability/Accessibility
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Rental Housing</i>				
	Rental Hsg. Development Assistance	HOME, PI (HOME), CDBG, CDBG-Rev. Loan, HOME (CHDO), UNO, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HTF	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Architectural Barrier Removal Program (Rental)	CDBG	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
	Anderson Hill Redevelopment (Rental)	PI (HOME), PI (CDBG)	Decent Housing	Affordability
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Homebuyer Services</i>				
	Down Payment Assistance.	HOME, PI (HOME), ADDI	Decent Housing	Availability/Accessibility

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	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE	HUD OBJECTIVE	HUD OUTCOME
	Acquisition & Development	HOME, CDBG Rev. Loan, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HOME (CHDO), PI (HOME)	Decent Housing	Affordability
	CHDO Capacity Building	HOME (CHDO)	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Anderson Hill Redevelopment (owner)	HOME	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Juniper/Olive Street Housing Project (part of Anderson Hill)	PI (CDBG)	Decent Housing	Affordability
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Owner Occupied Services</i>				
	Architectural Barrier Program (owner)	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
	Emergency Home Repair Program	CDBG, GF	Decent Housing	Sustainability
	Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	CDBG - Rev. Loan, GF, HOME	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability
	Lead Hazard Control Grant- Healthy Homes	Lead Hazard Control Grant - Healthy Homes	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability
	Materials Grants Program*	HTF	Decent Housing	Sustainability
<i>Housing Continuum Step: Other</i>				
	S.M.A.R.T. Housing™	GF - CIP, EDI	Decent Housing	Affordability
	Holly Good Neighbor	Austin Energy	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability
	Voluntary Compliance	GF-CIP	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility
	Tax-Exempt Bonds	N/A	Decent Housing	Affordability
PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Small Business Development</i>				
	Community Development Bank	CDBG, GF	Creating Economic Opportunity	Availability/Accessibility
	Microenterprise Technical Assistance	CDBG, GF	Creating Economic Opportunity	Sustainability

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	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE	HUD OBJECTIVE	HUD OUTCOME
	Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt	CDBG, CDBG-Rev. Loan, Section 108, GF	Creating Economic Opportunity	Availability/ Accessibility
<i>East 11/12th Streets Revitalization</i>				
	Part 1 - Job Creation	CDBG, Section 108	Creating Economic Opportunity	Availability/ Accessibility
	Part 2 - Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG	Creating Economic Opportunity	Sustainability
	Part 3 - Financial Assistance to For-Profits	CDBG, Section 108	Creating Economic Opportunity	Affordability
	Part 4 - Acquisition of Real Property	CDBG	Creating Economic Opportunity	Sustainability
	Part 5 - Non-residential Historic Preservation	CDBG	Creating Economic Opportunity	Sustainability
	Part 6 - Parking Facilities	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability
	Part 7 - Façade Improvements	EDI	Creating Economic Opportunity	Sustainability
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)</i>				
	Child Care Services	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Tenants' Rights Assistance	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Housing Information and Referral	GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Housing Smarts	HTF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Neighborhood Support Service	GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Senior Services	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility
	Youth Support Services	CDBG, GF	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility

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Funding Sources

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office New Funding Sources

In fiscal year 2006-07, the City received \$13.3 million from HUD through four formula grants. HUD estimates the City of Austin’s allocation for fiscal year 2007-08 to be \$13.5 million. Funds are provided through four entitlement grants with amounts determined by statutory formulas: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG); and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Non-entitlement grants are secured by the City through a competitive process. In fiscal year 2007-08, City projects will also use the following previously awarded, multi-year, non-entitlement Federal sources: Section 108, Lead Hazard Control Grant, and Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

<u>Federal Funds</u>	New Funding
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (PL 93-383)	\$ 7,941,057
CDBG Revolving Fund	\$ 792,626
<i>Subtotal CDBG Funds</i>	\$8,733,683
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) (PL 102-625)	\$ 4,225,644
HOME Program Income	\$ 1,565,845
American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)	\$ 101,815
<i>Subtotal HOME Funds (includes ADDI)</i>	\$ 5,893,304
Section 108 Program Income	\$ 55,000
Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) (PL 102-550)	\$ 329,116
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) (PL 102-550)	\$ 947,000
<i>Subtotal Federal Funds</i>	\$ 15,958,103
<u>City of Austin Local Funding</u>	Proposed Funding
Operating General Funds	\$ 3,226,649
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 8,300,000
S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 800,000
Housing Trust Fund	\$ 1,043,000
University Overlay- Housing Trust Fund	\$ 250,000
<i>Subtotal City of Austin Local Funding</i>	\$13,619,649
TOTAL	\$ 29,577,752



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Community Development Block Grant, Program Income, and Revolving Fund

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The primary objective of CDBG is the development of viable communities by:

- (a) Providing decent housing,
- (b) A suitable living environment, and
- (c) Expanding economic opportunities.

To achieve these goals, any activity funded with CDBG must meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
- Aid in the prevention of slums or blight
- Meet a need having a particular urgent need (referred to as urgent need)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Program Income

The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. There are three objectives of the HOME Program:

- (a) Expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low- and low-income individuals,
- (b) To mobilize and strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low- and low-income individuals, and
- (c) Leverage private sector participation and expand the capacity of non-profit housing provider.

American Dream Down-Payment Initiative

The American Dream Down-Payment Initiative (ADDI) was signed into law by President Bush on December 16, 2003 under the American Dream Down-Payment Act (Public Law 108-186) (ADDI statute). Funds made available under the ADDI statute are allocated to eligible HOME program participating jurisdictions (PJ) to assist low-income families to become first-time homebuyers.

Emergency Shelter Grants

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) awards grants for the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings into homeless shelters. It also funds certain related social services, operating expenses, homeless prevention activities, and administrative costs. Austin uses ESG for shelter operating expenses, essential services (supportive services concerned with employment, health, drug abuse, and education), or homelessness prevention activities. ESG

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supplements state, local, and private efforts to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters. By funding emergency shelter and related social services, ESG provides a foundation for homeless people to begin moving to independent living.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS

The HOPWA Program was established by HUD to address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to local communities, states, and non-profit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.

HOPWA funding provides housing assistance and related supportive services as part of HUD's Consolidated Planning initiative that works in partnership with communities and neighborhoods in managing federal funds appropriated to HIV/AIDS programs. HOPWA grantees are encouraged to develop community-wide strategies and form partnerships with area non-profit organizations.

Operating Funds

Operating funds provided by the City of Austin and are used to support the operation and mission of City departments.

General Obligation Bonds

On November 7, 2006, City of Austin voters approved a \$55 million bond package for affordable housing. The bonds will be apportioned into \$33 million for rental and \$22 million for homeownership programs over seven years.

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ CIP Funds

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Capital Improvement Funds (CIP) are City of Austin funds used to construct affordable housing. The City dedicates to this fund 40 percent of all incremental tax revenues derived from developments that are built on property located in the Desired Development Zone and were not on the Travis Central Appraisal District property tax rolls on June 1, 1997. CIP also funds part of the review team at the City's Watershed Development and Protection Review Department to fund the expedited review of S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ projects.

Housing Trust Fund

The Austin City Council included in the fiscal year 1999-00 annual budget \$1 million for the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund.

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The City Council continues to allocate \$1 million general fund dollars annually to the Housing Trust Fund. This allocation was adopted as part of a larger Social Equity Initiative endorsed by the City Council. Previously, all funds for housing were provided by the marketplace, tax-free bonds, federal grant funds, or tax credits and other incentives.

University Neighborhood Overlay Housing Trust Fund

In fiscal year 2004-05, the Austin City Council adopted by ordinance the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District Housing Trust Fund that generates funding for development of new affordable housing in a targeted area around the University of Texas. The fund was established as part of the University Neighborhood Overlay zoning district, which was created to implement some of the goals in the Combined Central Austin Neighborhood Plan, aimed at denser, pedestrian-oriented commercial and multi-family development west of the campus. UNO provides incentives for developers to build a portion of their housing as affordable. Developers must build 10 percent of the units as affordable to households at 80 percent of median family income (MFI) or below and an additional 10 percent of the units as affordable to households at 65 percent of MFI or below. Developers can pay a fee-in-lieu into the UNO Housing Trust Fund instead of developing the 10 percent of the units as affordable to households at 65 percent of MFI or below. In exchange, developers receive more flexible site development standards, such as reduced parking standards and increased height limits.

Housing Assistance Fund

The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) issued \$10,000,000 in Residual Value Revenue Bonds in 1988 from its 1980 Single-Family Bond Issue. The purpose of the issue was to create an income stream that can be used for providing housing assistance to persons and families of low- and moderate-income. Bond proceeds of \$7,500,000 were deposited into the Housing Assistance Fund. Earnings from this fund are used by AHFC to assist the city in its affordable housing initiatives.

Economic Development Initiative

Economic Development Initiative (EDI) was established by HUD to provide grants to local governments to enhance both the security of loans guaranteed through the Section 108 Loan Program and the feasibility of the economic development and revitalization projects they finance.

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The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program offers local governments a source of financing for economic development, large-scale public facility projects, and public infrastructure for CDBG eligible activities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sells bonds on the private market and uses the proceeds to fund Section 108 loans through the state to local governments. The local government's future CDBG allocations and other resources are pledged as security for repayment of the loan to HUD.

Lead Hazard Control Grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program awards funds to local governments to develop lead-based paint awareness and inspection program for homes built prior to 1978.

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	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)	Households Served
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT					
<i>Homeless/Emergency Shelter:</i>					
Shelter Operation and Maintenance.....	ESG	-	217,087	217,087	7,000
Homeless Essential Services.....	ESG	-	95,672	95,672	78
<i>Subtotal, Homeless/Emergency Shelter.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>312,759</i>	<i>312,759</i>	<i>7,078</i>
<i>Assisted Housing</i>					
Tenant-based rental assistance.....	HOME	42,000	479,333	521,333	
	HTF	158,667	70,000	228,667	
Subtotal, TBRA.....		200,667	549,333	750,000	125
Housing for People with HIV/AIDS:					
Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance.....	HOPWA	-	576,379	576,379	400
Residential Support Services.....	HOPWA	-	264,679	264,679	86
Permanent Housing.....	HOPWA	-	77,532	77,532	150
Subtotal, HIV/AIDS Housing.....		-	918,590	918,590	636
<i>Subtotal, Assisted Housing.....</i>		<i>200,667</i>	<i>1,467,923</i>	<i>1,668,590</i>	<i>761</i>
<i>Rental Housing:</i>					
<i>Rental Development Services</i>					
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	HOME	66,663	1,100,000	1,166,663	
	PI (HOME)	-	65,845	65,845	
	CDBG	160,861	80,000	240,861	
	CDBG-Rev. Ln.	-	22,461	22,461	
	HOME (CHDO)	-	400,000	400,000	
	UNO	250,189	250,000	500,189	
	GF-CIP	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	
	GO Bonds		4,980,000	4,980,000	
	HTF	73,239	734,144	807,383	
Subtotal, Rental Housing Dev. Assist.....		1,550,952	7,632,450	9,183,402	150
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	250,000		250,000	90
Voluntary Compliance Agreement.....	GF-CIP	-	44,000	44,000	1,500
Anderson Hill Redevelopment	PI (CDBG)	339,502	-	339,502	-
	PI (HOME)	292,374	-	292,374	-
Subtotal, Anderson Hill Redevelopment		631,876	-	631,876	-
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<i>2,432,828</i>	<i>7,676,450</i>	<i>10,109,278</i>	<i>1,740</i>
<i>Homebuyer Services</i>					
<i>Homebuyer Assistance</i>					
Down Payment Assistance.....	HOME	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	
	PI (HOME)	222,997	-	222,997	
	ADDI	-	101,815	101,815	
Subtotal, Homebuyer Lending Assistance.....		1,722,997	101,815	1,824,812	50
<i>Homeownership Development</i>					
Acquisition & Development.....	HOME	-	1,464,900	1,464,900	
	CDBG-Rev. Ln	-	462,119	462,119	
	GF-CIP	-	132,000	132,000	
	GO Bonds	2,000,000	3,320,000	5,320,000	
	HOME (CHDO)	-	233,847	233,847	
	PI (HOME)	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	
Subtotal, Acq. & Development (owner)....		2,000,000	7,112,866	9,112,866	55
CHDO Capacity Building.....	HOME (CHDO)	-	125,000	125,000	12
Anderson Hill.....	HOME	954,697	-	954,697	10
Juniper/Olive Street Housing Project	PI (CDBG)	218,413	-	218,413	13
Subtotal, Homeownership Development..		3,173,110	7,237,866	10,410,976	90
<i>Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....</i>		<i>4,896,107</i>	<i>7,339,681</i>	<i>12,235,788</i>	<i>140</i>

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	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)	Households Served
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing:</i>					
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>					
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	207,907	768,725	976,632	360
	GF	-	397,253	397,253	
Emergency Home Repair Program.....	CDBG	47,474	855,000	902,474	550
	GF	-	195,000	195,000	
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program .	CDBG-Rev. Ln.	623,860	214,046	837,906	
	GF		25,000	25,000	
	HOME	2,790,152	-	2,790,152	
Subtotal, Homeowner Rehab Ln Prg.....		3,414,012	239,046	3,653,058	25
Lead Hazard Control	LEAD	3,761,662	-	3,761,662	90
Materials Grants Program.....	HTF	39,500	10,500	50,000	30
<i>Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....</i>		<u>7,470,555</u>	<u>2,465,524</u>	<u>9,936,079</u>	<u>1,055</u>
HOUSING POLICY					
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Review Team.....	GF-CIP		556,000	556,000	
S.M.A.R.T. Hsg Austin Energy Payment.....	GF-CIP		68,000	68,000	
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Initiative.....	EDI	94,224		94,224	
<i>Subtotal, Housing Policy.....</i>		<u>94,224</u>	<u>624,000</u>	<u>718,224</u>	<u>1,750</u>
HOLLY GOOD NEIGHBOR					
Holly Good Neighbor.....	A/E			-	15
<i>Subtotal, Austin Energy Program.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>
HOUSING BOND PROGRAMS					
Single Family Bond Programs.....				-	60
<i>Subtotal, Housing Bond Programs.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>15,094,381</u>	<u>19,886,337</u>	<u>34,980,718</u>	<u>12,599</u>

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	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)	Households Served
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
<u>Small Business Development</u>					
Community Development Bank.....	CDBG	-	150,000	150,000	5
	GF	-	46,587	46,587	
Microenterprise Technical Assistance.....	CDBG	-	200,000	200,000	33
	GF	-	48,911	48,911	
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	CDBG	758,416	-	758,416	25
	CDBG-Rev.Ln.		94,000	94,000	
	GF		150,000	150,000	
	Section 108	3,100,000	-	3,100,000	
<i>Subtotal, Small Business Development.....</i>		<u>3,858,416</u>	<u>689,498</u>	<u>4,547,914</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>Commercial Revitalization</u>					
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	CDBG	-	897,925	897,925	
Administration	CDBG	-	110,000	110,000	
	PI (CDBG)	181,597		181,597	
	Section 108	569,176		569,176	
	GF	-	50,275	50,275	
	EDI	222,125		222,125	
<i>Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....</i>		<u>972,898</u>	<u>1,058,200</u>	<u>2,031,098</u>	<u>4,922</u>
<u>Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)</u>					
Child Care Services.....	CDBG	-	650,000	650,000	324
	GF		65,315	65,315	
Tenants' Rights Assistance.....	CDBG	35,863	229,137	265,000	549
	GF		23,458	23,458	
Housing Information and Referral.....	GF	-	84,591	84,591	28,977
Housing Counseling	HTF	180,000	228,356	408,356	180
Neighborhood Support Service.....	GF	20,700	101,439	122,139	3,500
Senior Services.....	CDBG	35,864	59,883	95,747	188
	GF		65,864	65,864	20
Youth Support Services.....	CDBG	-	203,700	203,700	159
	GF		34,560	34,560	
<i>Subtotal, Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services).....</i>		<u>272,427</u>	<u>1,746,303</u>	<u>2,018,730</u>	<u>33,897</u>
<u>Debt Services</u>					
Homeless Shelter, Debt Service.....	CDBG	51,434	522,445	573,879	
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	CDBG		169,602	169,602	
	PI (Section 108)		55,000	55,000	
East 11/12th Streets Revital., Debt Service..	CDBG	-	877,455	877,455	
Millennium Youth Center, Debt Service.....	CDBG	-	753,559	753,559	
<i>Subtotal, Debt Services.....</i>		<u>51,434</u>	<u>2,378,061</u>	<u>2,429,495</u>	<u>-</u>
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		<u>5,155,175</u>	<u>5,872,062</u>	<u>11,027,237</u>	<u>38,882</u>
ADMINISTRATION.....					
	CDBG	-	1,413,626	1,413,626	
	HOME		422,564	422,564	
	ESG	-	16,357	16,357	
	HOPWA	-	28,410	28,410	
	GF		1,938,396	1,938,396	
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		-	<u>3,819,353</u>	<u>3,819,353</u>	-
Total, All Programs.....		<u>20,249,556</u>	<u>29,577,752</u>	<u>49,827,308</u>	<u>51,481</u>

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

		FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	CDBG	160,861	80,000	240,861
	CDBG-Rv.Ln	-	22,461	22,461
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	250,000	-	250,000
Anderson Hill Redevelopment	PI (CDBG)	339,502	-	339,502
Subtotal, Rental Housing.....		750,363	102,461	852,824
<i>Homebuyer Services</i>				
<i>Homeownership Development</i>				
Acquisition & Development	CDBG-Rev. Loan	-	462,119	462,119
Anderson Hill.....				
Juniper/Olive Street Housing Project	PI (CDBG)	218,413	-	218,413
Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....		218,413	462,119	680,532
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing:</i>				
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>				
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	207,907	768,725	976,632
Emergency Repair Program.....	CDBG	47,474	855,000	902,474
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	CDBG-Rev. Loan	623,860	214,046	837,906
Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....		879,241	1,837,771	2,717,012
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		1,848,017	2,402,351	4,250,368
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Small Business Development</i>				
Community Development Bank.....	CDBG	-	150,000	150,000
Microenterprise Technical Assistance.....	CDBG	-	200,000	200,000
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	CDBG	758,416	-	758,416
	CDBG-Rev. Loan	-	94,000	94,000
Subtotal, Small Business Development.....		758,416	444,000	1,202,416
<i>Commercial Revitalization</i>				
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	CDBG	-	897,925	897,925
Administration	CDBG	-	110,000	110,000
	PI (CDBG)	181,597	-	181,597
Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....		181,597	1,007,925	1,189,522
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)</i>				
Child Care Services.....	CDBG	-	650,000	650,000
Tenants' Rights Assistance.....	CDBG	35,863	229,137	265,000
Senior Services.....	CDBG	35,864	59,883	95,747
Youth Support Services.....	CDBG	-	203,700	203,700
Subtotal, Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services).....		71,727	1,142,720	1,214,447
<i>Debt Services</i>				
Homeless Shelter, Debt Service.....	CDBG	51,434	522,445	573,879
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	CDBG	-	169,602	169,602
East 11/12th Streets Revital., Debt Service..	CDBG	-	877,455	877,455
Millennium Youth Center, Debt Service.....	CDBG	-	753,559	753,559
Subtotal, Debt Services.....		51,434	2,323,061	2,374,495
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		1,063,174	4,917,706	5,980,880
ADMINISTRATION.....				
	CDBG		1,413,626	1,413,626
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		-	1,413,626	1,413,626
SUBTOTAL, CDBG Funding.....		2,911,191	8,733,683	11,644,874

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HOME INVESTMENTS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Assisted Housing</i>				
Tenant-based rental assistance.....	HOME	42,000	479,333	521,333
<i>Subtotal, Assisted Housing.....</i>		<u>42,000</u>	<u>479,333</u>	<u>521,333</u>
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	HOME	66,663	1,100,000	1,166,663
	PI (HOME)		65,845	65,845
	HOME (CHDO)	-	400,000	400,000
Anderson Hill Redevelopment				-
	PI (HOME)	292,374	-	292,374
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<u>359,037</u>	<u>1,565,845</u>	<u>1,924,882</u>
<i>Homebuyer Services</i>				
<i>Homebuyer Assistance</i>				
Down Payment Assistance.....	HOME	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
	PI (HOME)	222,997		222,997
	ADDI	-	101,815	101,815
<i>Subtotal, Homebuyer Lending Assistance..</i>		<u>1,722,997</u>	<u>101,815</u>	<u>1,824,812</u>
<i>Homeownership Development</i>				
Acquisition & Development.....	HOME	-	1,464,900	1,464,900
	HOME (CHDO)	-	233,847	233,847
	PI (HOME)	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
<i>Subtotal, Acq. & Development (owner).....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>3,198,747</u>	<u>3,198,747</u>
CHDO Capacity Building.....	HOME (CHDO)	-	125,000	125,000
Anderson Hill Homeownership.....	HOME	954,697	-	954,697
<i>Subtotal, Homeownership Development.....</i>		<u>954,697</u>	<u>3,323,747</u>	<u>4,278,444</u>
<i>Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....</i>		<u>2,677,694</u>	<u>3,425,562</u>	<u>6,103,256</u>
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing:</i>				
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>				
<i>Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....</i>	HOME	<u>2,790,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,790,152</u>
		<u>2,790,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,790,152</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>5,868,883</u>	<u>5,470,740</u>	<u>11,339,623</u>
ADMINISTRATION.....				
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....	HOME	<u>-</u>	<u>422,564</u>	<u>422,564</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>422,564</u>	<u>422,564</u>
SUBTOTAL, HOME Funding.....		<u>5,868,883</u>	<u>5,893,304</u>	<u>11,762,187</u>

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EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS, AND OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS

	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Homeless/Emergency Shelter:</i>				
Shelter Operation and Maintenance.....	ESG	-	217,087	217,087
Homeless Essential Services.....	ESG	-	95,672	95,672
<i>Subtotal, Homeless/Emergency Shelter.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>312,759</u>	<u>312,759</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>-</u>	<u>312,759</u>	<u>312,759</u>
ADMINISTRATION.....				
	ESG	-	16,357	16,357
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		<u>-</u>	<u>16,357</u>	<u>16,357</u>
SUBTOTAL, ESG Funding.....		<u>-</u>	<u>329,116</u>	<u>329,116</u>
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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Assisted Housing</i>				
Housing for People with HIV/AIDS:				
Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance.....	HOPWA	-	576,379	576,379
Residential Support Services.....	HOPWA	-	264,679	264,679
Permanent Housing.....	HOPWA	-	77,532	77,532
<i>Subtotal, HIV/AIDS Housing.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>918,590</u>	<u>918,590</u>
<i>Subtotal, Assisted Housing.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>918,590</u>	<u>918,590</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>-</u>	<u>918,590</u>	<u>918,590</u>
ADMINISTRATION.....				
	HOPWA	-	28,410	28,410
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		<u>-</u>	<u>28,410</u>	<u>28,410</u>
SUBTOTAL, HOPWA Funding.....		<u>-</u>	<u>947,000</u>	<u>947,000</u>
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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing;</i>				
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>				
Lead Hazard Control.....	LEAD	3,761,662	-	3,761,662
<i>Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....</i>		<u>3,761,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,761,662</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>3,761,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,761,662</u>
SUBTOTAL, LEAD Funding.....		<u>3,761,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,761,662</u>
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Small Business Development</i>				
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	Section 108	3,100,000	-	3,100,000
<i>Subtotal, Small Business Development.....</i>		<u>3,100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,100,000</u>
<i>Commercial Revitalization</i>				
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	Section 108	569,176	-	569,176
<i>Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....</i>		<u>569,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>569,176</u>
<i>Debt Services</i>				
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	PI - Section 108	-	55,000	55,000
<i>Subtotal, Debt Services.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		<u>3,669,176</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>3,724,176</u>
SUBTOTAL, Section 108 Funding.....		<u>3,669,176</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>3,724,176</u>
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Commercial Revitalization</i>				
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	EDI	222,125	-	222,125
<i>Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....</i>		<u>222,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,125</u>
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		<u>222,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,125</u>
HOUSING POLICY				
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Initiative.....	EDI	94,224	-	94,224
SUBTOTAL, HOUSING POLICY.....		<u>94,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,224</u>
SUBTOTAL, EDI Funding.....		<u>316,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,349</u>

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	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Assisted Housing</i>				
Tenant-based rental assistance.....	HTF	158,667	70,000	228,667
<i>Subtotal, Assisted Housing.....</i>		<u>158,667</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>228,667</u>
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	HTF	73,239	734,144	807,383
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<u>73,239</u>	<u>734,144</u>	<u>807,383</u>
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing:</i>				
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>				
Materials Grants Program.....	HTF	39,500	10,500	50,000
<i>Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....</i>		<u>39,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		<u>271,406</u>	<u>814,644</u>	<u>1,086,050</u>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)</i>				
Homebuyer Counseling.....	HTF	180,000	228,356	408,356
<i>Subtotal, Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services).....</i>		<u>180,000</u>	<u>228,356</u>	<u>408,356</u>
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		<u>180,000</u>	<u>228,356</u>	<u>408,356</u>
SUBTOTAL, Housing Trust Fund.....		<u>451,406</u>	<u>1,043,000</u>	<u>1,494,406</u>
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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Owner-Occupied Housing:</i>				
<i>Housing Rehabilitation Services</i>				
Architectural Barrier Program	GF	-	397,253	397,253
Emergency Repair Program.....	GF	-	195,000	195,000
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	GF	-	25,000	25,000
<i>Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>617,253</u>	<u>617,253</u>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Small Business Development</i>				
Community Development Bank.....	GF	-	46,587	46,587
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	GF	-	150,000	150,000
Microenterprise Technical Assistance.....	GF	-	48,911	48,911
<i>Subtotal, Small Business Development.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>245,498</u>	<u>245,498</u>
<i>Commercial Revitalization</i>				
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	GF	-	50,275	50,275
<i>Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>50,275</u>	<u>50,275</u>
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)</i>				
Child Care Services.....	GF	-	65,315	65,315
Tenants' Rights Assistance.....	GF	-	23,458	23,458
Housing Information and Referral.....	GF	-	84,591	84,591
Neighborhood Support Service.....	GF	20,700	101,439	122,139
Senior Services.....	GF	-	65,864	65,864
Youth Support Services.....	GF	-	34,560	34,560
<i>Subtotal, Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services).....</i>		<u>20,700</u>	<u>375,227</u>	<u>395,927</u>
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		<u>20,700</u>	<u>671,000</u>	<u>691,700</u>

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	Funding Source	FY 06-07 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY07-08	Projected Program Level FY07-08 (Estimated plus Funding FY07-08)
ADMINISTRATION.....				
	GF		1,938,396	1,938,396
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		-	1,938,396	1,938,396
SUBTOTAL, General Funds Funding.....		20,700	3,226,649	3,247,349
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	UNO	250,189	250,000	500,189
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<i>250,189</i>	<i>250,000</i>	<i>500,189</i>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		250,189	250,000	500,189
SUBTOTAL, UNO Funding.....		250,189	250,000	500,189
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	GF-CIP	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Voluntary Compliance Agreement.....	GF-CIP	-	44,000	44,000
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<i>1,000,000</i>	<i>44,000</i>	<i>1,044,000</i>
<i>Homebuyer Services</i>				
<i>Homeownership Development</i>				
Acquisition & Development.....	GF-CIP	-	132,000	132,000
<i>Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>132,000</i>	<i>132,000</i>
HOUSING POLICY				
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Review Team.....	GF-CIP	-	556,000	556,000
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Austin Energy Payment.....	GF-CIP	-	68,000	68,000
<i>Subtotal, Housing Policy.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>624,000</i>	<i>624,000</i>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		1,000,000	800,000	1,800,000
SUBTOTAL, Capital Improvement Projects.....		1,000,000	800,000	1,800,000
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Rental Housing:</i>				
<i>Rental Development Services</i>				
Rental Hsg. Development Assistance.....	GO Bonds	-	4,980,000	4,980,000
<i>Subtotal, Rental Housing.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>4,980,000</i>	<i>4,980,000</i>
<i>Homebuyer Services</i>				
<i>Homeownership Development</i>				
Acquisition & Development.....	GO Bonds	2,000,000	3,320,000	5,320,000
<i>Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....</i>		<i>2,000,000</i>	<i>3,320,000</i>	<i>5,320,000</i>
HOUSING BOND PROGRAMS				
Single Family Bond Programs.....		-	-	-
<i>Subtotal, Housing Bond Programs.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		2,000,000	8,300,000	10,300,000
SUBTOTAL, BOND Funding.....		2,000,000	8,300,000	10,300,000
HOLLY GOOD NEIGHBOR				
Holly Good Neighbor.....	A/E	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal, Austin Energy Program.....</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		-	-	-
SUBTOTAL, Austin Energy Funding.....		-	-	-

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Administration Activity Tables

CDBG Administration		
IDIS Project #:	Local ID:	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
Funds provide administrative costs for programs.		
FUNDING		
Fund Source(s) CDBG FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$1,413,626		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities	Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Planning/Administration ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008
		Citation 570.206
		Location Community Wide

HOME Administration		
IDIS Project #:	Local ID:	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
Funds provide administrative costs for programs.		
FUNDING		
Fund Source(s) HOME FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$422,564		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities	Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Planning/Administration ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008
		Citation 570.206
		Location Community Wide

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Administration Activity Tables

ESG Administration
IDIS Project #:
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funds provide administrative costs for programs.

FUNDING		
Fund Source(s) ESG FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$16,357		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	
	Priority Need Category	Eligibility
	Planning/Administration ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008
		Citation 570.206
		Location Community Wide

HOPWA Administration
IDIS Project #:
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funds provide administrative costs for programs.

FUNDING		
Fund Source(s) HOPWA FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$28,410		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	21A General Program Administration 570.206 ▼	
	Priority Need Category	Eligibility
	Planning/Administration ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008
		Citation 570.206
		Location Community Wide

General Fund Administration
IDIS Project #: Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funds provide administrative costs for programs.

FUNDING		
Fund Source(s) General Fund FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$1,938,396		

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Leveraging

Federal requirements define leveraging as “other” public and private resources that address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The table below shows the estimated non-federal funds to be leveraged by program. For the Acquisition and Development, Juniper Olive Street Housing Project, the Down Payment Assistance Program, and the Single Family Bonds homeownership programs, leveraging is the total amount of the mortgage loan minus the amount of assistance. For the rental housing development assistance programs, leveraging is the total project funding minus the amount of assistance.

Programs	Estimated Units	Estimated Leveraging
Acquisition and Development	55	\$1,500,000
Juniper Olive Street Housing Dev.	13	\$1,580,000
Down Payment Assistance	50	\$4,500,000
Rental Housing Dev. Assistance	150	\$15,500,000
TOTAL- FEDERAL FUNDED	268	\$23,080,000
Single Family Bonds	60	\$6,900,000
TOTAL- NON-FEDERAL	60	\$6,900,000
TOTAL-ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS	328	\$29,980,000

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HOME Match

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS MATCHING FUNDS

Fiscal Year 2007-08

	Calculation	Grant Allocation	\$ 4,327,459
		Administration	- \$ 432,746
		Amount Incurring Repayment	- \$ 0
Total Obligation			<u><u>\$ 3,894,713</u></u>
		Requirement Percentage	x 25%
Total Requirement			<u><u>\$ 973,678</u></u>
	Contribution	Non-Federal Matching Funds	\$ 730,259
		Bond Proceeds (25% Max.)	\$ 243,419
Total Contribution			<u><u>\$ 973,678</u></u>

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ESG Match

Emergency Shelter Grant Matching Funds

The Emergency Shelter Grant Program requires each local government grantee to match dollar-for-dollar the ESG funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These matching funds must come from other public or private sources. For fiscal year 2007-08, the City of Austin's preliminary ESG Grant Allocation is \$329,116, so another \$329,116 is needed from the City and the subrecipients/contractors for matching funds.

Any of the following may be included in calculating the matching funds requirement 1) cash; 2) the value or fair rental value of any donated material or building; 3) the value of any lease on a building; 4) any salary paid to staff to carry out the program of the recipient; and 5) the value of the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out the program of the recipient at a current rate of \$5 per hour.

For fiscal year 2007-08 (ESG fiscal year 2007-09 allocation), HHSD, along with local providers of homeless services, and with the Homeless Task Force, are working to coordinate funding from several sources, to make the most efficient and effective use of all the funds across the entire continuum of homeless services. HHSD plans to allocate ESG funds to shelter operations and maintenance, homeless essential services, and ESG grant administration.

Each contract/award agreement includes the requirement that subcontractors/awardees will provide a one-to-one match of the ESG funds. The City will match administrative costs using an in-kind match of salaries of City personnel who administer the grant.

Project Name	IDIS Activity	Consolidated Plan Priority	Fund Source	2007-08 Projected Funding	Match	Proposed Accomplishments
Austin Resource Center for Homeless (ARCH)	Shelter Operation and Maintenance	High	ESG	\$217,087	\$217,087	7,000 persons
Housing and Benefits Specialists for Persons Defined as Chronically Homeless	Essential Services	High	ESG	\$43,000	\$43,000	43 persons
Communicable Disease Unit		High	ESG	\$52,672	\$52,672	35 persons

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ESG Match

	Grant Administration	N/A	ESG	\$16,357	\$16,357	N/A
Total Match:				\$329,116	\$329,116	7,078

Fiscal year 2007-08 funding has increased from previous years. In fiscal year 2006-08 the City of Austin received \$326,062, which increases the fiscal year 2007-09 allocation by \$3,054.

A small portion of this money (\$54) went to increase the Administration, and \$3,000 went to increase the Family Eldercare Essential Services project. This eight percent increase allows Family Eldercare to increase their number of clients by three for a total of 43 clients served annually.

The other two agencies funded with ESG received level funding. Communicable Disease Unit will serve 35 clients in fiscal year 2007-08. ARCH will increase the number of clients served to 7,000 served since in the previous year they exceeded their goals.

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LIHTC, Multifamily Bonds, and Section 8

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) administers the Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Program for the State of Texas. The HTC Program, even though not administered by the City of Austin, provides a valuable affordable housing resource to our community. The HTC Program receives authority from the U.S. Treasury Department to provide tax credits to non-profits, for-profit developers, and syndicators or investors. The program's purpose is to encourage the development and preservation of rental housing for low-income families, provide for the participation of for-profit and non-profit organizations in the program, maximize the number of units added to the state's housing supply, and prevent losses in the state's supply of affordable housing. HTC is regionally allocated in 13-state service regions and further distribution in each of those regions into Rural and Urban/Exurban categories. The City of Austin resides in region 7 and projects that apply for tax credits in Austin compete against other applications in the urban/exurban area of region 7. Region 7 includes Llano, Burnet, Blanco, Travis, Williamson, Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette counties.

In 2007, TDHCA will allocate \$1,856,124 in housing tax credits in the urban areas of region 7. TDHCA manages the application process for these competitive housing tax credits. For more information regarding housing tax credits, visit the TDHCA website at www.tdhca.state.tx.us.

Multifamily Bond Program

The City of Austin, through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), administers the Multifamily Bond Program that provides below-market interest rate financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation or the new construction of apartment complexes. Funding is provided through the sale and issuance of tax-exempt multifamily conduit bonds. Federal law requires that, for the bonds to retain their tax-exempt status, at least 20 percent of the units financed must be leased to families at or below 50 percent of median family income (MFI) or 40 percent of the units must be leased to families with incomes below 60 percent of MFI.

Private developers may apply once a year for Tax-Exempt Multifamily bonds in late September to participate in the Texas Bond Review Board (TBRB) lottery held in early October. If successful in the lottery, the project must be submitted for four percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Bonds for non-profit developers of multifamily projects, however, may apply at any time for the tax-exempt bonds without the need for private activity bond authority.

AHFC manages the application process to secure these funds. For more information go to the website at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/ahfc/bond.htm>

Section 8

Two public housing authorities administer Section 8 programs in the City of Austin, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the Travis County Housing Authority (TCHA). The Section 8 program, administered by public housing authorities, is designed to

LIHTC, Multifamily Bonds, and Section 8

increase the housing choices available to very low-income households by making privately-owned rental housing affordable to them. It provides rent subsidies, either rental certificates or vouchers, on behalf of eligible tenants. These subsidies usually equal the difference between 30 percent of the household's adjusted income and the HUD-approved fair market rent (for certificates) or the PHA-approved payment standard (for vouchers).

Travis County Housing Authority currently provides 564 Section 8 vouchers, with a budget of \$456,000 a year. Over 3,000 households are currently on a waiting list with Travis County Housing Authority to receive a voucher. The Housing Authority of the City of Austin provides 5023 vouchers City wide, with a budget of \$42,314,880, and has 5,961 on a waiting list.

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McKinney-Vento Act Funds

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Programs

Continuum of Care, Fiscal Year 2007-08

Austin Homeless Task Force

The Continuum of Care is a competitive grant process administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) directly with the agency recipients. Each Continuum community must work together to develop the annual application due annually in the Spring by developing priorities for funding and conducting a needs assessment including a Point-in-Time bi-annual count of homeless individuals and families in shelter and on the street. The Austin Homeless Task Force coordinates the Continuum of Care Planning Process.

Continuum of Care Application and Awards for Fiscal Year 2007-08				
Project Name	Type of Project	Priority	Application Amount	Award Amount
Caritas of Austin/ Ben White Project with Foundation Communities: Ben White Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing New Project	1	\$543,658	\$0
Travis County Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Survival Center dba SafePlace: Supportive Housing Program	Supportive Housing Renewal	2	\$826,440	\$826,440
The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation: Passages Program	Supportive Housing Renewal	3	\$776,928	\$776,928
Caritas of Austin: ReEntry Transitional Housing Program	Transitional Housing Renewal	4	\$313,926	\$313,926
Youth and Family Alliance, Inc.dba Life Works: Supportive Housing	Supportive Housing Renewal	5	\$215,320	\$215,320
Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center: Safe Haven Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing Renewal	6	\$348,007	\$348,004
Youth and Family Alliance, Inc.dba Life Works: Street Outreach	Supportive Housing Renewal	7	\$148,508	\$148,505
Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center: Homeless Management Information Systems Service Point	HMIS Renewal	8	\$78,533	\$78,532
The Housing Authority of the City of Austin	Shelter Plus Care Renewal	9	\$295,632	\$307,632
The Housing Authority of Travis County	Shelter Plus Care Renewal	10	\$435,144	\$390,780
Total			\$3,982,096	\$3,406,067



SECTION 3 OTHER REPORTS

New Programs and Policy Initiatives
Community Involvement
Neighborhood Projects
Other Actions

New Programs and Policy Initiatives

The City of Austin is always looking for new ways to meet its mission to provide housing, community development, and small business development services to benefit eligible residents so they can have access to livable neighborhoods and increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency. The following is an update on some of the new programs and policy initiatives that the City of Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office will implement in fiscal year 2007-08.

General Obligation Bonds

Citizens of Austin approved the use of General Obligation Bonds to increase homeownership and rental opportunities for low-to-moderate income households. The bond package, which includes \$55 million for affordable housing, was approved by voters on November 7, 2006. The bonds will be apportioned into \$33 million for rental and \$22 million for homeownership over a seven year period. Rental projects assisted with General Obligation Bonds must serve households with yearly incomes of no more than 50 percent median family income (MFI) with a goal of assisting households at 30 percent MFI and below. Homeownership projects assisted with General Obligation Bonds must serve households with yearly incomes of no more than 80 percent MFI with a goal of serving households between 50 percent and 65 percent MFI.

Community Land Trust

Austin City Council directed staff to move forward with implementation of a Community Land Trust (CLT). The Community Land Trust is a tool to preserve the public investment in affordability and to preserve the affordable units in perpetuity. The CLT will retain ownership of the land, while the homeowner owns the improvements. The CLT limits the sales price of the home and requires that subsequent buyers be income-eligible. Homeownership is an important avenue of wealth creation for many low-income households. CLT homeowners will receive a share of the appreciation when the affordable unit changes hands in order to allow the homeowner a fair return. This model provides an opportunity for future low- to moderate-income households to buy the home at an affordable price.

Without this type of mechanism, in areas that are rapidly gentrifying, the subsidy given to a low-income household is lost to future residents when the house is sold. In addition, the CLT will allow Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to reach greater levels of affordability for lower-income homeowners.

AHFC has substantially completed subdivision infrastructure development of the Frontier at Montana subdivision, an 81-lot single-family affordable housing subdivision in the Montopolis neighborhood. This new subdivision will include 16 CLT units.

New Programs and Policy Initiatives

Community Preservation & Revitalization Report (CP&R)

The Community Preservation and Revitalization (CP&R) Policy established programs for mitigating gentrification pressures in Central East Austin neighborhoods. The policy was approved by City Council resolution on April 28, 2005. NHCD briefed the Planning Commission in February 2006 regarding the report. The City conducted a neighborhood survey concerning proposals to link density bonuses to housing affordability goals in April and May of 2006.

The City Council resolution created the CP&R Business Loan Program to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of economic development activities in Central East Austin neighborhoods. The program will attract public and private investment, maintain and develop existing commercial districts, provide access to capital for existing and start-up businesses, and to be a catalyst in support of workforce and employment development.

Community Involvement

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office coordinates and maintains relationships with neighborhood groups, policy groups, and service providers in low- to moderate-income communities.

Community Development Commission

The Community Development Commission (CDC) participates in the development and review of federally-funded programs through Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office and Health and Human Services Department. A primary purpose of the CDC is to secure broad community involvement in policy discussions about community needs that benefit low- to moderate-income households and to make recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. The CDC has a Housing Committee which focuses on housing policies and strategies.

Community Action Network

There are numerous subgroups that meet under the Community Action Network (CAN) framework that produce information and reports used to complete the needs assessment. These groups are: Youth Services, Victim Services, Workforce Development, Aging Services, Basic Needs, Early Education and Care, Education, Homelessness, Housing, Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Public Safety, Wellness, Physical Health, Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and Children's Mental Health. NHCD has representatives on the Administrative Team and Resource Council, and has been the lead agency in producing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the housing issue area.

CAN is organized into the following issue areas: Aging Services, Basic Needs, Developmental Disabilities, Early Education and Care, Education, Homelessness, Housing, Literacy, Public Safety, Transportation, Wellness (Physical Health, Children's Mental Health, Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse), Workforce Development, Victims Services, Youth Services.

Community Action Network: Homeless Task Force

The City has representatives on the Community Action Network Homeless Task Force and Resource Council. The Community Action Network is a large network of social service providers in the City of Austin that focuses on achieving sustainable social, health, educational and economic outcomes through engaging the community in a coordinated planning and implementation process. This optimizes private and individual actions and resources. Staff from NHCD is also on a subcommittee of the Homeless Task Force, the End Chronic Homelessness Organizing Group.

Community Involvement

Urban Renewal Board – East 11/12th Street

The City, along with its partners the Urban Renewal Agency and the Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA), continued to work on development plans for previously acquired parcels and the acquisition of additional land in Central East Austin. On November 19, 1997, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Area to be a slum and blighted area and designated this area appropriate for an urban renewal project. Subsequently, they approved an urban renewal plan. The Urban Renewal Plan allows the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin to use funds for acquisition and to provide fair/adequate relocation benefits to individuals displaced due to acquisition, aiding in the elimination of the slum and blight influences in the area.

Public Housing Authorities

Representatives from the Travis County Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin and the City of Austin meet regularly to coordinate programs, such as the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program, the Resident Support Services programs at the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), and other community initiatives. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office coordinates with HACA to inform public housing residents of affordable housing programs offered through the City of Austin.

African American Quality of Life Initiative

The City of Austin *African American Quality of Life Scorecard*, issued on June 25, 2005, was produced based on community dialogue about race relations and the description by those in the African American community about a different quality of life experience than those of other ethnicities.

This scorecard focused on two basic questions:

- 1) Is the quality of life for African Americans in Austin different than that of other Austinites?
- 2) Is the quality of life for African Americans in Austin markedly different than the quality of life of African Americans in other cities?

The results of the *African American Quality of Life Scorecard* were presented to the Austin City Council in March 2005. This analysis of comparative indicators began a series of facilitated community discussions about the African American quality of life in Austin. During these community meetings, short term and intermediate solutions were prioritized into seven areas: Arts and Entertainment, Jobs, Businesses & Economic Development, Education, Police Intervention, and Health. NHCD is responsible for the Neighborhood Sustainability Committee. The City Council approved the formation of the African American Advisory Commission on May 25, 2006 to advise Council on issues related to the quality of life for the City's African

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American community and recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront African Americans in social, economic and vocational pursuits in the seven identified priority areas. Nine members were appointed by the City Council to serve on the Advisory Commission.

The Neighborhood Sustainability Subcommittee recognized the need for educational programs about homeownership with a focus on foreclosure prevention. Due to the subcommittee's recommendation, the *Housing Smarts* Housing Counseling Program was implemented on Oct. 1, 2006 to educate residents about homeownership and foreclosure prevention. In the program's first six months (October 2006 – March 2007), 18 classes have been presented with more than 70 participants attending, with a total of 50 participants graduating successfully from the program.

Subcommittee members also realized that in order to improve the affordable housing stock in Austin, the community needed a model that would preserve housing as well as mitigate the effects of gentrification in well-established neighborhoods. As a result, the Community Land Trust (CLT) Initiative was endorsed by the City Council in 2006 and provides an opportunity for the City to preserve its investment in housing by developing permanently affordable homeownership opportunities for low-income households.

Subcommittee members actively seek opportunities within the community to participate in affordable housing discussions and it's affects on East Austin neighborhoods. As a result, committee members currently participate on the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force; the Community Land Trust (CLT) Advisory Committee and the General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.

Housing Task Forces

NHCD staff actively participates in City planning processes and task forces that impact affordable housing. NHCD provided technical assistance to the following:

Commercial Design Standards/Vertical Mixed Use Development

The Commercial Design Standards Ordinance was adopted by City Council on August 31, 2006 and included vertical mixed use standards that provide incentives for affordable housing. NHCD staff is overseeing drafting of rules with the Law Department and working with Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) on educating neighborhood groups on vertical mixed use standards. Website:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/designstandards.htm>

Community Involvement

Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Task Force

On September 28, 2006, City Council adopted the Single Family Residential Design and Compatibility Code Amendments ordinance (also known as the McMansion ordinance), upon recommendation of the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Task Force. This ordinance restricts the size of homes relative to lot size in the urban core. NHCD provided technical assistance to the task force. Website:

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/sf_regs.htm

Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force

The City Council appointed an Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force comprised of real estate professionals, affordable housing developers, affordable housing advocates, academics and neighborhood representatives to explore ways to provide incentives for the construction of affordable housing in Austin. They were charged to review, develop and recommend to City Council enhancements to the City's policies and procedures, including the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ program, for providing incentives to builders to include on-site affordable housing in their developments or, secondarily, to dedicate resources for the development of off-site affordable housing in the downtown area. The Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force Report was presented to the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Community Development Commission on February 20, 2007. NHCD provided primary staff for the Task Force. City Council discussion of the Task Force Report is scheduled for May 17, 2007.

Website: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/ahitf.htm>

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NHCD OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible families with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:

Strategies:

Implement housing affordability components of adopted neighborhood plans, master plans and identified priority neighborhoods.

A significant component of Austin's housing strategy during the Consolidated Plan period is implementing housing affordability components of neighborhood plans and master plans adopted by the City Council in recent years.

The Neighborhood Planning process and Master Plan process includes extensive community input prior to City Council adoption and may include goals related to housing affordability and gentrification mitigation. During the process of developing the plans, members of the community work with City staff to address the local issues and concerns that affect them, their families, and their neighbors. All stakeholders of the neighborhood are invited to participate – business owners, renters, residents, property owners, and various community organizations and institutions. The neighborhood planning process addresses land use, transportation, services and infrastructure, and urban design issues. The goal of neighborhood planning is for diverse interests to come together and develop a shared vision for their community. A neighborhood plan:

- Represents the views of all the stakeholders that make a community
- Identifies neighborhood strengths and assets
- Identifies neighborhood needs and concerns
- Establishes goals for improving the neighborhood
- Recommends specific action items to reach those goals

NHCD will work to respond to the housing affordability components of adopted neighborhood plans and City task force reports on gentrification mitigation in the next five years by providing S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ incentives and other housing program resources for new single-family and multi-family developments. In addition, NHCD will offer other housing services in order to implement the goals of the respective plans and task force reports.

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Annual Action Plan

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The City of Austin has Acquisition and Development projects planned in the following neighborhoods outlined in the fiscal year 2007-08 Action Plan. Some of them are in neighborhoods with adopted neighborhood plans. Efforts in areas without adopted neighborhood plans or Master plans may also be in priority neighborhoods. The City defines a priority neighborhood as a specific neighborhood or geographic area designated by the City that has priority, but not exclusive, consideration for funding for projects or activities. Priority neighborhoods are defined by the amount of eligible census tracts in each neighborhood area.

HUD defines an eligible census tract as having the following components:

- 50 percent of its households with incomes below 80 percent of the Area Median Gross Income; or
- Having a poverty rate of 25 percent.

To the greatest extent feasible, designated priority areas are given first consideration for funding for like activities or projects in other eligible areas. However, the City retains the flexibility to fund projects or activities outside of priority areas when it is in the best interest of the City and its programs. The City funds acquisition and development projects and rental housing development projects with federal and local funding sources.

Central East Austin Neighborhood Planning Area

NHCD currently has projects in the following neighborhoods in the Central East Austin Neighborhood Planning Area:

Rosewood Neighborhood

The Rosewood Neighborhood is the site of a new four lot subdivision developed on city surplus property by NHCD through Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Construction of four to six single-family units will be completed in fiscal year 2007-08. The subdivision plat was approved by the City of Austin in 2006-07.

Anderson Hill Neighborhood

Pre-construction activities began on the Anderson Hill rental program, and there were no rental units completed in fiscal year 2005-06. The City completed two single-family homes in fiscal year 2005-06. NHCD should complete 13 single-family homes in fiscal year 2006-07.

11th/12th Streets Revitalization

This revitalization project, along the East 11th and 12th Street commercial corridors, makes physical improvements to the corridor, creates jobs for low-income people, and provides assistance to small businesses along the corridor. Revitalization efforts along the corridor began in 2000 by NHCD in partnership with the Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA).

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Montopolis Neighborhood

The Montopolis neighborhood is the site of the new Frontier at Montana single-family subdivision. The subdivision improvements have been completed and construction of new homes began in October of 2006. NHCD through AHFC is partnering with several non-profit housing builders to construct 81 homes over the next two years that will serve families at 80 percent or below median family income (MFI). Austin Habitat for Humanity has completed five single-family homes in Montopolis and they have ten additional homes under construction.

St. Johns Neighborhood

The City will continue partnering with non-profits and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for housing development in the St. Johns neighborhood. Foundation Communities, in partnership with NHCD, completed a 140-unit, single-room-occupancy development in the St. Johns neighborhood. AHFC is also partnering with a CHDO to develop four single-family homeownership units that will be completed in fiscal year 2006-07.

Govalle Neighborhood

Through the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy, two senior rental housing developments, serving families at or below 50 percent median family income (MFI) and below, were completed in the Govalle neighborhood. One development was built on surplus City land and one development was built on land donated by a landowner with construction partially funded by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). AHFC will also partner with a CHDO to develop a 25-lot single-family, affordable subdivision in the Govalle neighborhood. This subdivision will provide both homeownership units as well as rental units.

The following neighborhood projects are in various stages of planning, and will not receive funds in fiscal year 2007-08.

The balance of neighborhood planning areas that have adopted housing affordability components will receive assistance based on City Council priorities and funding availability. The City will continue to assist Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit organizations that implement the housing affordability strategies in the respective neighborhood planning areas.

East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard planning area will be the site of new affordable housing opportunities on surplus City land and private lots deeded to the AHFC.

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Colony Park

The Colony Park project will be located on 208 acres of land located approximately ten miles northeast of downtown Austin. The Colony Park development will create a sustainable, mixed-use, mixed-income community with a strong neighborhood identity that will mesh with the character of the existing nearby residential areas. The City of Austin, through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), will increase opportunities for homeownership and encourage the presence of a variety of income levels, thereby enriching the fiber of the neighborhood. The residents of Colony Park will live within walking distance of a new City park, a new recreational center, a new elementary school scheduled to open Fall of 2007, and retail space that will be developed as part of the project. The NHCD, through the AHFC, has begun predevelopment activities with the procurement of civil engineering and land planning services for the future development of housing.

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment

The City will provide assistance in the redevelopment of the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport site so that the affordability goals established by the City Council can be achieved. The master plan for the development requires 25 percent of the owner-occupied housing units be affordable to 80 percent median family income (MFI) and below and at least 25 percent of the rental housing be affordable for households at or below 60 percent MFI. Construction began on commercial development on a new Children's Hospital in 2006. In addition, the City will continue to explore the potential use of community land trusts. Called the Pioneer Program, the first phase of the residential construction of single-family homes will begin in 2007. By the end of September 2008, 348 homes are projected to be sold and owner-occupied. Of those, 71 homes will be affordable and sold to low- and moderate-income households. No rental units are expected to be completed in fiscal year 2007-08.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

In 2005, the Austin City Council adopted the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance, establishing station areas for a commuter rail line scheduled to begin service in 2008. The ordinance also established non-binding affordable housing goals for new development or redevelopment in the half-mile areas surrounding the commuter rail stations. The overall goal is for 25 percent of all new housing units to be occupied by households at or below 80 percent median family income (MFI) (for homeownership units) or 60 percent MFI (for rental units). Other sub-goals also apply, including a goal to serve lower income levels within the Community Preservation and Revitalization Zone (CP&R), also established by City Council in 2005. The TOD ordinance states that for each TOD area, a station area plan will establish specific standards, and will also include a housing affordability

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analysis and feasibility review that describes potential strategies for achieving affordable housing goals. NHCD has engaged a consulting firm to produce analyses for these sites.

NHCD actively participates in the following two station area planning areas located in priority neighborhoods:

Saltillo Station Area Plan- East Caesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Area

The Saltillo TOD district is located close to downtown Austin, between IH-35 and Chicon Street and along the future commuter rail line. The City anticipates that significant development will occur along this important East Austin corridor. Integration of new development with the existing neighborhood and other revitalization efforts will be critical to ensuring its ultimate success. The Capital Metro Transportation Authority, the largest landowner in this corridor, will be an important stakeholder in future decisions for this area. Planning for redevelopment will occur in conjunction with the Saltillo Station Area Plan required by the Council-adopted Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance approved in 2005. NHCD has engaged a consulting firm to produce an Affordable Housing Development Potential Analysis for this site. The Station Area Plan should be completed by the end of 2007.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Station Area Plan – Chestnut and Rosewood Neighborhood Planning Areas

The MLK TOD district is located adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, east of downtown and along the future commuter rail line, in an area where significant reinvestment has occurred in recent years. As required by the Council-adopted Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance approved in 2005, the City of Austin will develop a Station Area Plan for the MLK TOD district. The Station Area Plan should be completed by the end of 2007.

University Neighborhood Overlay

In 2004, the Austin City Council adopted the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) that establishes housing affordability goals for new housing built in the West Campus neighborhood located adjacent to the University of Texas. All new housing developments that receive incentives must provide at least 10 percent of new units to households at or below 80 percent median family income (MFI) for at least 15 years. West Campus builders must provide an additional 10 percent for households at or below 65 percent MFI or pay a fee-in-lieu. The University Overlay was modified in February 2006. Due to development incentives, in fiscal year 2005-06, 390 units were completed, of which 39 were affordable. An additional 503 units are under

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construction, expected to be complete in August 2008, of which 50 will be affordable.

Downtown Master Planning

In December 2005, the Austin City Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate the process of creating a Downtown Austin Plan. The City of Austin has hired two consulting firms for the plan: the ROMA Design Group and Diana McIver & Associates. The latter firm will identify strategies and best practices for affordable housing in downtown.

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Federal regulations require that jurisdictions include in their annual plans discussion of how the community will use HUD grant funds in conjunction with other HUD monies and community resources to improve the lives of residents who earn low- to moderate-incomes. The federal requirement leads each section underlined in bold and the descriptions that follow explain major initiatives underway or planned to begin in fiscal year 2007-08 to meet that directive.

Address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

- **Continuum of Housing Services**

In an effort to coordinate services and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services according to residents' needs. The continuum includes: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, first-time homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing. The City uses this framework to assess housing needs and encourage the development of programs to address gaps or complement private and non-profit sector activities. Coordination of services in order to create a "stairway to self-sufficiency" serves as the foundation of an investment strategy for housing activities.

- **Renters' Rights Assistance/Fair Housing Counseling**

With the limited stock of affordable homes and apartments in Austin, the City continues its investment in the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC). ATC provides an array of counseling and enforcement services for renters in Austin and is a recipient of HUD Fair Housing Initiatives program funds.

- **S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative**

An innovative policy adopted by the Austin City Council in April 2000 encourages development of reasonably-priced, mixed-income housing units that meet accessibility standards. The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative ensures that new homes are Safe, Mixed-Income, Accessible, Reasonably-Priced, and Transit-Oriented. The policy stipulates that all single-family units certified meet accessibility standards reflected in the City's Visitability Ordinance. All multi-family developments must comply with accessibility standards originally established in the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. At least 25 percent of multi-family units must be adaptable and at least 10 percent must be accessible. Developments that meet these and other prerequisites are given expedited review under the City's development process and reductions/exemptions for certain development and construction fees. S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ provides a vehicle to achieve neighborhood support for housing that serves low- and moderate-income residents by requiring applicants to meet with affected neighborhood organizations prior to filing an application for a zoning change.

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- **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)**

In an effort to address the needs of underserved clients who have criminal and housing eviction histories, HOPWA provider agencies explored transitional housing resources. HOPWA provider agencies now consistently refer to South Austin Marketplace, a transitional housing resource, who routinely accepts clients with criminal and eviction histories. The Communicable Disease Unit-HIV Services has developed housing resources through churches that offer affordable housing through their congregations or church programs.

Foster and maintain affordable housing

- **S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative**

The Initiative provides incentives to for-profit and non-profit builders of single-family and multi-family developments who make a portion of their developments affordable to low- and moderate-income residents. In addition to creating a new supply of housing, the policy incorporates Green Building standards to ensure utility demands of these new units are efficient. As part of the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative, Austin City Council also adopted rehabilitation guidelines for single-family housing and review of regulatory obstacles to remove barriers to the repair and production of housing that meets the policy's "reasonably-priced" standard (serves a family at 80 percent median family income (MFI) or below that spends no more than 30 percent of its gross income, including utilities, on housing).

- **General Obligation Bonds**

The City Council approved the use of General Obligation Bonds to increase homeownership and rental opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. The bond package, which includes \$55 million for affordable housing, was approved by voters on November 7, 2006. The bonds will be apportioned into \$33 million for rental and \$22 million for homeownership programs over seven years.

- **Housing Trust Fund**

Austin City Council included in the fiscal year 1999-2000 annual budget \$1 million for the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund. The Housing Trust Fund is managed by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). This allocation is dedicated to the preservation and creation of reasonably priced housing in the City of Austin. The Council continues to allocate general funds yearly to the Housing Trust Fund.

- **Housing Bond Programs**

The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has created Bond programs to assist in the financing of both single-family and multi-family housing. Every three years, the AHFC receives authority from the State's Bond Review Board to issue non-recourse single-family bonds or Mortgage

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Credit Certificates (MCC's) to assist in the financing of affordable single-family housing for first time homebuyers. Homebuyers must earn below 115 percent of median family income (MFI) at the time of purchase.

- **Community Land Trust**

Austin City Council directed staff to move forward with implementation of a Community Land Trust (CLT). The Community Land Trust is a tool to preserve the public investment in affordability and to preserve the affordable units in perpetuity. The CLT will retain ownership of the land, while the homeowner owns the improvements. The CLT limits the sales price of the home and requires that subsequent buyers be income-eligible.

Homeownership is an important avenue of wealth creation for many low-income households. CLT homeowners will receive a share of the appreciation when the affordable unit changes hands in order to allow the homeowner a fair return. This model provides an opportunity for future low- to moderate-income households to buy the home at an affordable price.

Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing

- **Fair Housing**

The City continues to support the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC) through its public services program. ATC provides an array of counseling and enforcement services for renters in Austin and is a recipient of HUD Fair Housing Initiatives program funds. The City has made Fair Housing a priority, and the Mayor's Task Force developed a publicity campaign to alert residents of their rights and the process to file complaints in the case of housing discrimination. NHCD hosted four stakeholder meetings in preparation of the 2004 Impediments to Fair Housing for the fiscal year 2004-09 Consolidated Plan/Action Plan to discuss Fair Housing, and will continue working with the City's Human Rights Commission.

- **S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative**

For builders of single-family and multi-family developments who make a portion of their new homes or apartments affordable to working families, the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative provides expedited review and inspection, including more rapid decisions on zoning change and zoning variance requests. In fiscal year 2002-03 the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Review Team was established to focus entirely on expediting S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ developments through the City development review and approval process. The policy included adoption of rehabilitation guidelines and review of regulatory obstacles to the repair and production of "reasonably-priced" housing. S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ staff review all new or amended rules, ordinances and plans for impact on housing affordability.

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- **Homebuyer Counseling (Housing Smarts)**

AHFC began the Housing Smarts, Housing Counseling, program in the fall of 2006 to provide homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention counseling to low- to moderate-income households in Austin. The homeownership counseling activities fill gaps in services provided by other homeownership counseling organizations. Services in fiscal year 2007-08 will include a “train the trainer” program to assist other organizations provide housing counseling. The program will also work with the local bar association to provide pro-bono legal services, including a will clinic.
- **Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force**

In June 2006, the Austin City Council established an Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force. The Task Force issued a report in February 2007 that recommends enhancements to the City’s policies and procedures, including the provision of additional incentives to builders to include on-site affordable housing in developments. City Council discussion of the Task Force Report is scheduled for May 17, 2007.
- **Downtown Master Planning**

In December 2005, the Austin City Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate the process of creating a Downtown Austin Plan. The City of Austin has hired two consulting firms for the plan: the ROMA Design Group and Diana McIver & Associates. The latter firm will identify strategies and best practices for affordable housing in downtown.
- **Website**

Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) have a website which provides increased access to homebuyer services, available through the Community Lending Office, community and economic development opportunities; and resources for low- and moderate-income persons seeking assistance with housing. www.ci.austinhousing.org
- **Community Collaborations**

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) is a participant in the Community Action Network’s (CAN) Homeless Task Force (HTF) and End Chronic Homelessness Subcommittee (ECHO), and the Mayor’s Task Force on Mental Health and Mayor’s Task Force on Disabilities. These community groups bring together elected officials, the Housing Authority, non-profits focusing on housing and homelessness, and community advocates. In these collaborations, NHCD hopes to make its resources available to better assist people with disabilities (mental and physical), homeless persons and veterans, and low- to moderate-income persons.

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Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards

- NHCD received a \$3.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the spring of 2007 to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible low-income rental and owner-occupied housing over the next three years. The grant will target funding to communities with the greatest need, specifically those with a high incidence of lead poisoning, and older rental housing.
- Education concerning the potential for lead poisoning continues at community events sponsored by NHCD and the Health and Human Services Department of the City of Austin continues to test for high Blood Lead Levels of children in Travis County.

Reduce the number of poverty-level families

- **Economic Development**
The City of Austin continues to provide operating assistance to critical organizations serving minority small businesses. Their primary goal is to create and retain jobs for low- and moderate-income residents.
- **Child Care Services**
The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) administers the child care program that increases the supply and quality of childcare. HHSD provides childcare vouchers for: homeless and near-homeless families, families in crisis, children of teen parents who are attending school, and families in work, school, or job training.
- **Housing Activities**
A variety of housing activities operated by the City are designed to reduce the number of families in poverty (see Section 2 of the Consolidated Plan and the Housing Section in the Action Plan). The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Project, for example, provides temporary housing to low-income residents as they move to self-sufficiency.
- **Local Funding Targeted to Low-Income Households**

Housing Trust Fund

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- **Neighborhood Center Services**

The City of Austin neighborhood centers provide a variety of social services for low- and moderate-income families in need including: Basic Needs Services, Seasonal Program Services, Support Services Available at Some Centers, Public Health Nursing Program, and Social Services Programs.

Overcome gaps in institutional structures

- NHCD administers all community, economic development, and public facilities programs. The City of Austin contracts with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to develop affordable rental housing; housing for homeownership, and housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes, in addition to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA), and numerous non-federally funded housing programs. Homeless and Emergency Shelter services are provided through Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) using Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. These programs serve hundreds of people with dire housing needs. HHSD and NHCD both administer public service programs. HHSD also provides support to homeless service providers and offers support services to Austin residents who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- **Continuum of Housing Services**
In an effort to coordinate services and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services according to residents' needs. The continuum includes: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, first-time homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing. The Neighborhood

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Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD) uses this framework to assess housing needs and designs programs to address gaps or complement private and non-profit sector activities. Coordination of services between these “stair steps” is critical to the overall goal of moving residents to self-sufficiency.

- **Community Action Network (CAN)**

CAN, a public/private partnership of 15 major community organizations interested in the social well-being of Austin and Travis County, has identified 17 urgent issue areas that cover the range of human needs from housing and health, to public safety and workforce development. CAN works to achieve sustainable social, health, educational, and economic outcomes through engaging the community in a planning and implementation process that coordinates and optimizes public, private and individual actions and resources. The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD) works closely with CAN, including attending monthly meetings and producing reports to coordinate housing and community development activities. NHCD’s Director has been serving on CAN’s Administrative Team since 2001. NHCD also participates in the Community Recovery Committee that coordinates housing and relief efforts for Katrina evacuees.

Enhance coordination between public and private housing and social services agencies

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- **Coordination with Public Housing Authorities (PHA)**

Regular contact and collaboration with local public housing authority officials ensures that the City housing programs are linked to the needs of public housing residents. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) contracts with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) through the Passages Program.

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- **Public – Private Partnerships**

The City of Austin often partners with private developers to disperse affordable housing geographically around the City and to keep housing affordable in the long-term. Two private-public partnerships planned for fiscal year 2007-08 include one in the Allendale neighborhood, and another in the Zilker neighborhood. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will partner with a private developer that will convert an extended stay motel in Allendale into residential condominiums. AHFC will sell 40 units of the projects as affordable, while the remainder will be sold at market rate. In the Zilker Neighborhood, AHFC will partner with a private developer to provide affordable rental units within a previously planned market rate project. AHFC anticipates that a minimum of thirty of the 300 units (10 percent) of the development will be reserved for families with yearly household incomes of no more than 50 percent median family income (MFI) for a forty-year period.

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Foster public housing improvements and resident initiatives

Public housing in the Austin area is provided by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC). Both HACA and HATC share updates on their progress during regular contact and meetings with City officials.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) gathers input and ideas on capital improvements and resident initiatives through an annual series of meetings with Resident Councils, and surveys distributed to all public housing residents. This information is incorporated, where appropriate, into HACA's annual plans.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BUDGETED FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08	
Low Rent Public Housing Subsidy	6,909,217
Housing Choice Voucher HAP	42,314,880
Housing Choice Voucher Admin. Fee	2,740,620
Section 8 Contract Administration Admin. Fee	13,209,616
Austin Affordable Housing Corp. – Business Activities	3,799,733
Capital Fund Program - 2005	3,068,626
Capital Fund Program - 2006	2,762,568
Section 8 Mod. Rehab SRO	271,208
2005 Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency	216,240
Shelter Plus Care Program- 5 Year Grant for 2007/08	148,176
Shelter Plus Care Program - Renewal	N/A

Recent Accomplishments

With more than 1,900 rental units located in several different locations of Austin, HACA is a major provider, if not one of the largest, of affordable housing for lower-income families, disabled persons and seniors in the Austin area. There are 1,928 public housing units and over 5,000 Housing

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Choice Vouchers administered by HACA. HACA assisted the City of Austin in helping those families affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita by administering the Disaster Voucher Program (DVP) and has provided rental assistance to over 250 families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

HACA continues to be successful with its down payment assistance program to provide assistance to families participating in either the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs. A qualified applicant may receive a \$10,000 forgivable loan to be applied towards the down payment of a new or pre-existing home. If the applicant meets all the criteria of the program for the first five years, then the loan is forgiven. As of March 20, 2007, HACA has assisted 23 families to become free from public assistance and attain the American Dream of homeownership.

Housing Authority of Travis County

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) has a proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-08 of \$7.506 million dollars. HATC administers 10 housing services programs, the largest of which is 564 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. HATC also owns and manages 105 units of public housing and a 152-unit multi-family housing development. HATC receives a Shelter Plus Care grant of 95 units to provide assistance for homeless individuals and persons in the Austin Metropolitan area. Last year, HATC completed a 33-unit elderly apartment complex in Manor, Texas and began construction of a 208-unit elderly apartment complex in Pflugerville, Texas. A recent innovation is the development of a home ownership lease purchase program for Travis County residents. This past year, \$45 million in bonds were issued for the Lease Purchase Program. Currently, the Lease Purchase Program of the HATC was able to purchase a total of \$23 million dollars of single-family properties in Travis County.

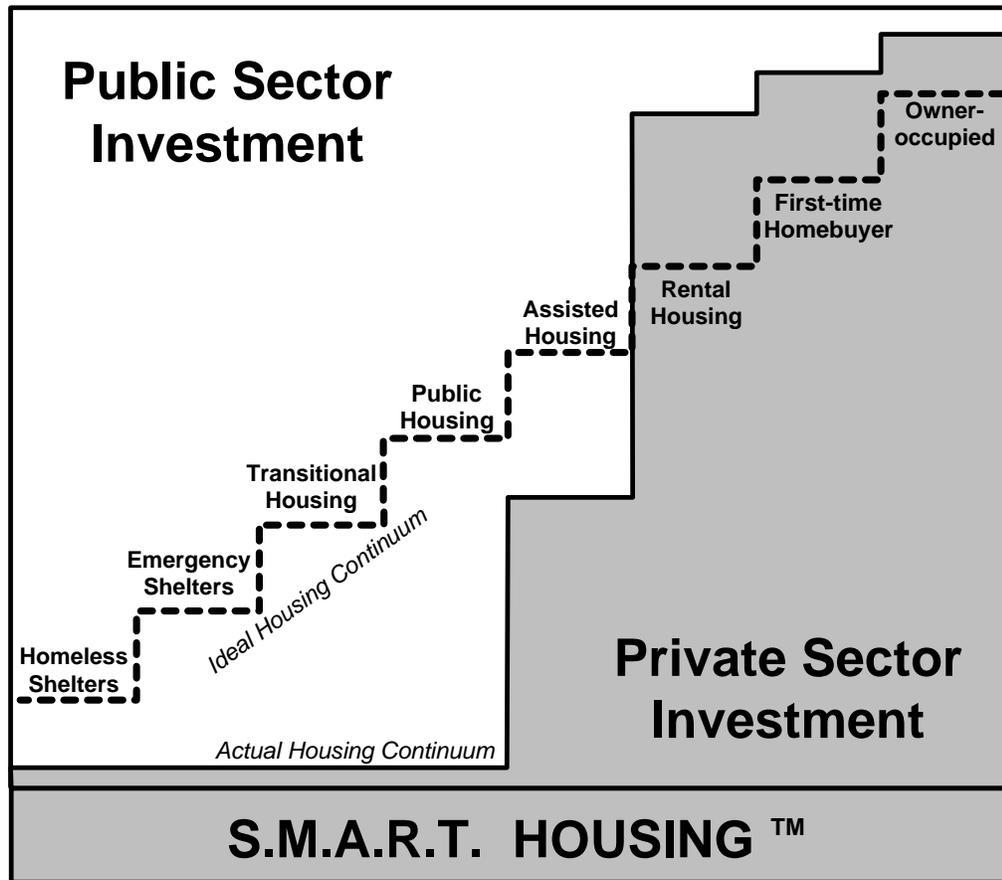


SECTION 4 HOUSING ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Continuum of Housing

The Housing Continuum established in the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan remains a valid tool for classifying housing needs. As needs and strategies to address the needs were discussed, it became clear these issues cluster around each stage of the housing continuum. In an effort to coordinate services, improve housing services for City of Austin residents, and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services.



Neighborhood Housing and Community Development - Continuum of Housing

This Continuum serves as the framework for investment to coordinate housing programs through the community and to assist residents in moving into the private housing market.

The continuum uses S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ as its foundation and extends across eight categories: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing.

The City uses this framework to assess housing needs and encourage the development of programs to address gaps or complement private and non-profit sector activities. Coordination of services in order to create a “stairway to self-sufficiency” serves as the foundation of an investment strategy for housing activities. This housing continuum

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provides a framework for collaboration and partnerships among formerly competing interests.

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative

After review of community needs and HUD's definition of prioritization, the City determined that each category of the Housing Continuum is considered a high priority for funding. HUD defines high priorities as those programs that will be funded in a program year. Medium priorities are those that will only be funded if funding becomes available, and low priorities are those that will not be funded in a program year. The City of Austin has determined that while infrastructure is a need in the community and an eligible expense of CDBG funds, CDBG funds will be used instead for housing and community development. Therefore, infrastructure is a low priority. The City of Austin's S.M.A.R.T. (Safe, Mixed- Income, Accessible, Reasonably-Priced, Transit-Oriented) Housing™ Initiative creates "reasonably priced" housing units that meet Green Building standards. The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative offers 100 percent fee waivers for developments in which at least 40 percent of the units meet the "reasonably priced" standard, by serving families at or below 80 percent median family income (MFI) who spend no more than 30 percent of their gross income (including utilities) on housing.

The City's goal is for at least 40 percent of all S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ units to be reasonably priced. Staff attains this goal by providing City assistance with faster plan reviews, fee waivers, and advocacy for applicants. Staff also provides affordability impact statements detailing the potential impact of proposed ordinances, plans and rules on housing affordability. Fees waived for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ developments include zoning, site plan, subdivision, building permit, construction inspection, and capital recovery fees. The annual fee waiver authorization for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ is 1,500 service units. A single-family home constitutes one service unit equivalent. A multi-family unit generally equals 1/4 to 1/3 service unit equivalent due to the lower per-unit cost of capital recovery fees.

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ encourages developers to provide a percentage of reasonably priced housing by offering development fee waivers, special development review times, and advocacy. While the initial benefit is directed to the developer, the ultimate benefit goes to the families that move into this housing, the neighborhood in which it is built, and to the City of Austin as a whole. High quality, reasonably priced housing - both for homeownership and rental - has a major impact on the social and economic health of a city.

The City of Austin's S.M.A.R.T. Housing Policy Initiative was selected as an International Best Practice for the 2006 International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Symposium in Rotorua, New Zealand. At the symposium, NHCD presented: "S.M.A.R.T. Housing™: A Strategy for Producing Affordable Housing at the Local Level."

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES				
The purpose of homeless/emergency shelter services is to provide temporary housing or shelter for people with no permanent place to live.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Homeless/Emergency Shelter Strategy: To assist eligible persons in securing and non-profits in creating emergency shelter and homeless shelter opportunities and supportive services.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Homeless/ Emergency Shelter	High	Homeless, chronic homeless	7,078	Emergency Shelter Grants

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH): Shelter Operation and Maintenance

IDIS Project #: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) contracts with Front Steps, Inc., a private non-profit organization, to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), and is the sole funding source with City General Funds and Emergency Shelter Grants Funds. All clients served in the ARCH have low-to-moderate incomes and most are 50 percent median family income (MFI) or below. ARCH provides emergency shelter to homeless adult males in the Overnight Shelter program, and can serve a maximum of 175 men a night.

ARCH provides basic services such as shower, laundry facilities, mailing address, telephone use, and lockers in the Day Resource Center seven days a week. Also in the Day Resource Center, ARCH provides day sleeping to a maximum of 100 men and women. The Day Resource program also includes a number of services such as mental health care, legal assistance, and employment assistance provided by co-located agencies included a Health Care for the Homeless funded clinic.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 7,000 People

In fiscal year 2007-08, ARCH will serve individuals with its Night Sleeping and Day Resource Program. All clients will be entered into the Homeless Management Information Systems database.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) ESG
Fiscal Year 2007-08 Total Funding \$217,087

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	Not Applicable ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs			
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD), Communicable Disease Unit

IDIS Project #:	7
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

Essential services are supportive services such as case management, mental health care, primary health care, public health care and legal assistance that homeless individuals and families may need to help them move out of homeless situation. The Communicable Disease Unit of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Service Department (HHSU) will provide intensive case management to homeless persons with HIV infection and who are not utilizing shelter services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment	35 People
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The Communicable Disease Unit will serve homeless HIV positive individuals and families with supportive services.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) ESG
Fiscal Year 2007-08 Total Funding \$52,672

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Housing and Benefits Specialist for Persons Defined as Chronically Homeless

IDIS Project #: 23

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The program will provide volunteer-assisted bill payer and/or representative payee services to homeless adults who fit the HUD definition of "chronically homeless." The program will allow persons to receive benefits payments for which they are eligible, thereby increasing their income and giving them a means to pay for housing. This funding will meet one of the specific needs discussed in Austin/Travis County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 43 People

The Bill Payer program and Representative Payee program will assist homeless persons to access benefits for which they are eligible, but have not been able to apply for due to their status.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) ESG
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$43,000

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities			
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs			
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING				
The purpose of transitional housing services is to provide temporary housing for up to 24 months to eligible residents so that they have shelter and can be placed in permanent housing.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Transitional Housing Strategy: Assist eligible households in securing and non-profit organizations in creating limited-term housing and supportive services.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Transitional Housing	High	Low income households	At this time, any projects that are considered transitional are funded through the RHDA program, and the accomplishments can be found there.	
Public Housing	N/A	Low income households	This step on the continuum is being funded through the Housing Authority of the City of Austin and the Travis County Housing Authority.	

PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING				
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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING				
HOME and HOPWA grants fund assisted housing projects which provide financial assistance to individuals for housing. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) administers the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Project (TBRA) for homeless persons. Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) administers the HOPWA grants for rent, mortgage and utility assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Assisted Housing Strategy: Provide resources to eligible households to access or retain affordable rental units.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Assisted Housing	High	Homeless, People with HIV/AIDS	761	HOME, PI (HOME), HTF, HOPWA

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	
IDIS Project #: 35	Local ID: 2ASH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program provides rental housing subsidies and security deposits to eligible families who would otherwise be homeless. Eligible families work toward self-sufficiency with the aid of a case manager. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) oversees the TBRA program and currently contracts with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the Salvation Army to administer the services. Eligible income for TBRA is 50 percent median family income (MFI).

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	125 Households

Eligible households will receive monthly rental housing subsidies and will have security deposits provided as needed.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) HOME, HTF	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$750,000	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		05S Rental Housing Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 5% 570.204) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities			
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs			
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Assisted Housing ▼	Not Applicable ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.204
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING	
AIDS Services of Austin-HOPWA06: Rent, Mortgage, Utility (RMU) Assistance	
IDIS Project #:	2
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance program (RMU) provides assistance to income eligible persons with HIV and AIDS and their families to prevent homelessness. A local non-profit is under contract with the City of Austin to provide these services. There are two HUD-approved activities: 1) the RMU program (Emergency Assistance) - which provides short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, and 2) the TBRA program (Rental Assistance) - which is tenant based rental assistance, including assistance for shared housing arrangements. As a result of maintaining housing or achieving better housing, clients have improved access to medical care.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	400 People

RMU provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance to meet urgent needs of eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The goal is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS who can access the program through HIV case management.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) HOPWA			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$576,379			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.204	
		Location Community Wide	

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Residential Support Services	
IDIS Project #:	31
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Residential Support Services program provides apartment-style and scattered site housing and supportive services to persons with HIV disease. The program offers a variety of supportive services to all clients including: facility based meals, counseling, substance abuse relapse prevention support, client advocacy, transportation and assistance in obtaining permanent housing. The City of Austin contracts with a local non-profit to provide these services. As a result of maintaining housing or achieving better housing, clients have improved access to medical care.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	86 People

The Supportive Services Program will assist persons with HIV/AIDS to secure limited-term housing and supportive services.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) HOPWA	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$264,679	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS	05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204 ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs			
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Decent Housing ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.204	
		Location Community Wide	

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING

Permanent Housing Placement Services	
IDIS Project #:	33
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Permanent Housing Placement service is a newly funded housing activity that will be used to help eligible clients establish a new residence where on-going occupancy is expected to continue. Assistance will be provided to eligible clients and their families with payment of first month's rent, when necessary to secure permanent housing and will complement other forms of HOPWA housing assistance.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	150 People

The Permanent Housing Placement activity will assist eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families move into new residences. This will be accomplished by assisting with payment of first month's rent.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) HOPWA			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$77,532			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
		Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
Decent Housing ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Citation 570.204	
		Location Community Wide	

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING				
The purpose of the rental housing services is to provide construction and financial services to eligible organizations in order to produce or retain reasonably-priced rental units and rental housing for special needs populations, such as the elderly or people with disabilities.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Rental Housing Strategy: Provide resources to non-profit/for-profit housing				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Rental Housing	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH/Disabled/Elderly	240	HOME, CDBG, CDBG-Rev. Loan, HOME (CHDO), UNO, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HTF, PI (CDBG), PI (HOME)

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING

Rental Housing Development Assistance	
IDIS Project #:	32
Local ID:	2REH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA) Program provides opportunities to create and retain affordable rental units for low- and moderate-income households and low-income persons with special needs. RHDA provides below market rate financing to for-profit and non-profit developers for the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation of affordable rental projects that would otherwise be economically infeasible. RHDA is designed to leverage private investment with limited City and Federal funds, reducing the cost of capital for acquisition and development of multi-family units. The City recaptured \$121,768 in CDBG predevelopment expenditures from a developer because the anticipated project was not implemented. These funds will be refunded to HUD and are anticipated to return to the RHDA program through the CDBG entitlement funds.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	150 Households

RHDA will increase the supply of affordable rental units for income-eligible households.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) HOME, PI (HOME), CDBG, CDBG-Rev. Loan, HOME (CHDO), UNO, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HTF	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$9,183,402	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Rental Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201m
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING

Architectural Barrier Removal - Rental	
IDIS Project #: 6	Local ID: 2REH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) Rental Program modifies or retrofits the living quarters of eligible, low-income elderly and severely disabled renters to make their housing more accessible. No more than \$5,000 per home per year can be provided to a single home through ABR. Eligible income is 80 percent of median family income (MFI).

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	90 Households

The ABR Program will benefit eligible residents by installing physical improvements in housing units to assist with daily living.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) CDBG	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$250,000	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Rental Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.202
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING

Anderson Hill Redevelopment - Rental	
IDIS Project #:	4
Local ID:	2REH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Anderson Hill Redevelopment activity will construct rental units in the Anderson Hill neighborhood of Central East Austin for households earning no more than 80 percent of median family income (MFI). The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will be responsible for the construction of the units and will manage the rental units until ownership is transferred to the Anderson Community Development Corporation.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	0 Households

The City will receive HOME PI funds that will be used to finance the construction of rental units in the Anderson Hill Neighborhood. The program has no unit production scheduled for fiscal year 2007-08.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) PI (HOME), PI (CDBG)			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$631,876			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Rental Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c
		Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Citation	570.201m
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES				
Housing assistance services for homebuyers are provided by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Homebuyer Services Strategy: Provide opportunities for homebuyers through financing and construction to access S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ produced by non-profits and for-profit housing developers.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Homebuyer Services	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH	140	HOME, PI (HOME), HTF, ADDI, CDBG-Rev. Loan, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HOME (CHDO), PI (CDBG)

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES	
Down Payment Assistance	
IDIS Project #:	13
Local ID:	2FTH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program provides deferred and forgivable, zero-interest loans to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers to assist them with the down payment and closing costs of their home purchase. The amount of assistance per household will not exceed \$10,000 per household or \$15,000 to persons with disabilities. Loans are secured by a subordinate lien on the property that is non-assumable. The loan will be recaptured by the City if the household sells or rents the home, requests an equity loan, or transfers the property title before the end of the ten year affordability period. Eligible income for DPA is 80 percent of median family income (MFI). In addition, the program will provide up to \$40,000 for mortgage assistance to families up to 50 percent of the median family income (MFI). This assistance could be in combination with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Community Land Trust. The mortgage assistance program is still under review. The mortgage assistance using HOME funds will have an affordability period of 30 years using the recapture method or will maintain affordability using a resale method.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	50 Households

The DPA Program will enable potential homeowners to overcome the obstacles preventing them from obtaining a home by providing assistance with down payment, closing costs, prepaid expenses, and/or mortgage assistance.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) HOME, PI (HOME), ADDI	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$1,824,812	

PROJECT INFORMATION				
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n) ▼		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼	
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public	
Decent Housing ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008	
		Citation	570.201n	
		Location	Community Wide	

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Acquisition and Development	
IDIS Project #: 1	Local ID: 2FTH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Acquisition and Development (A&D) program works with lenders, developers and home builders to leverage City and federal funds for: 1) the acquisition and development of lots; 2) the acquisition and rehabilitation of structures; 3) the acquisition of new housing units, and 4) the construction of new housing, all for sale to income-eligible homebuyers. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) provides financing (loans and grants) for affordable housing development. In some cases, the AHFC acts as a joint venture partner with non-profit and for-profit developers to create affordable housing opportunities. All new construction is required to meet S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ criteria. Programs under the umbrella of Acquisition and Development include: Infill Construction, Subdivision Development Support, and the AHFC Community Land Trust (CLT).

The AHFC CLT will provide homeownership opportunities that remain affordable in perpetuity. For the A&D program activities using HOME funds, affordability will be maintained using the "resale" method for CLT homes and for some HOME-funded Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activities where a direct buyer subsidy is not provided. All other HOME-funded A&D activities will use the "recapture" method to ensure that HOME funds are returned for other HOME-eligible activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	55 Households

The Acquisition and Development program will increase the supply of affordable homeownership units for income-eligible households.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) HOME, CDBG Rev. Loan, GF-CIP, GO Bonds, HOME (CHDO), PI (HOME)	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$9,112,866	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201m
		Location	Community Wide

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CHDO Capacity Building	
IDIS Project #: 10	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The CHDO Capacity Building Program provides technical assistance and training to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit housing providers to increase their organizational capacity to provide affordable housing units. In addition to training and technical assistance, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) issues an RFP to award certified CHDOs grants for operating expenses. Under the terms of the grant, CHDOs must also access CHDO set-aside funds to produce affordable housing for the community. Those units are counted in the Acquisition and Development program and the RHDA program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	12 Organizations

CHDOs will receive assistance that will result in the creation of more affordable rental and homeownership units.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) HOME (CHDO)			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$125,000			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.201m	
		Location Community Wide	

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING</i>
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Anderson Hill Redevelopment - Homebuyer

IDIS Project #: 3	Local ID: 2FTH
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Anderson Hill Redevelopment Program constructs new homeownership housing units for households earning no more than 80 percent median family income (MFI). The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) manages the construction, marketing and sale of the properties located in the area. In order to help preserve long-term affordability, a "resale" policy is adopted for AHFC homes sold under the Program. The resale policy has restrictions that include: 1) resale to an income-eligible buyer; and 2) that the selling homeowner receive a fair return.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 10 Households

The program will increase the supply of affordable homeownership units in the Anderson Hill Neighborhood for income-eligible households.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) HOME
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$954,697

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
	Priority Need Category	Eligibility
	Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼

Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201m
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Juniper-Olive Street Housing Project	
IDIS Project #: 26	Local ID: 2FTH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Juniper-Olive Street Housing Project provides funding for the renovation of existing historical units and/or new construction of up to 17 affordable housing units located in the Juniper/Olive Street area. The existing structures are renovated to Department of Interior Standards for historic structures. The new construction is funded with private financing. The Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) manages the construction, marketing, and sale of the properties. All units are marketed to families at or below 80 percent median family income (MFI).

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	13 Households

The Juniper-Olive Street Housing Project will provide affordable housing units to the area.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) PI (CDBG)	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$218,413	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category		Outcome Categories	Subrecipient
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.201m	
		Location Community Wide	

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING				
<i>The objective of housing is to provide construction and financial services to eligible residents and organizations in order to increase reasonably priced housing opportunities.</i>				
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES				
The purpose of owner-occupied housing services is to provide construction and financial services for existing, income-eligible homeowners to address building code violations so that they can continue to live in their homes. Owner-occupied services are funded through grants and loans that are delivered through various homeowner rehabilitation services. In addition, the Lead Hazard Control Grants and Healthy Homes Grant works with homeowners to eliminate lead hazards and other health risks.				
Consolidated Plan 2004-09 Owner-Occupied Services Strategy: Provide opportunities for households to retain their homes through rehabilitation and construction.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Owner-Occupied Services	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH/ Elderly/Disabled	1055	CDBG, GF, HTF, LEAD, CDBG-Rev. Loan, HOME

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING</i>
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Architectural Barrier Program- Owner	
IDIS Project #: 5	Local ID: 2WNS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) Owner Program modifies or retrofits the living quarters of eligible, low-income elderly and severely disabled homeowners to make their housing more accessible. No more than \$5,000 per home per year can be provided to a single home through ABR program or Emergency Home Repair (EHR) program combined. Eligible income is 80 percent of median family income (MFI).

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	360 Households

The ABR Program will benefit eligible residents by installing physical improvements in housing units to assist with daily living.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$1,373,885			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.202
		Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Emergency Home Repair Program	
IDIS Project #: 16	Local ID: 2WNS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Emergency Home Repair (EHR) Program makes repairs to alleviate life-threatening living conditions, health and safety hazards, and major mechanical systems for low- and moderate-income homeowners. An administrator works with homeowners to develop a mutually agreeable scope of work and then manages the contracting and inspection of the work. No more than \$5,000 per home per year can be provided to a single home through the Architectural Barrier Removal Program and EHR collectively. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) oversees EHR and currently contracts with a non profit to administer the services. Income eligibility is 80 percent median family income (MFI) and below.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	550 Households

Owner-occupied low- to moderate-income households will receive home repairs to alleviate life-threatening conditions or health and safety hazards.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$1,097,474			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private 570.500c
Decent Housing ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.202	
		Location Community Wide	

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	
IDIS Project #:	21
Local ID:	2WNS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) assists income-eligible homeowners with substantial repairs such as foundation repair, roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. This program provides deferred interest loans of up to \$50,000 per home for rehabilitation. Up to \$29,999 may be forgivable after ten years. This rehabilitation amount does not include funds that may be granted to assist with the appropriate treatment of lead-based paint. In cases where it is not economically feasible to rehabilitate a unit, the reconstruction of a replacement home will be considered for financing. Deferred interest loans for housing reconstruction will not exceed \$100,000 per home. For reconstruction projects, the loan documents will contain provisions which include a Shared Equity Formula and a Purchase Option and Right of First Refusal Agreement. Consequently, program clients will be required to share 25 percent of any equity that they may gain at resale with the City of Austin and they will be required to offer the home for sale to the City of Austin before any other Buyers. Eligible income is 60 percent of median family income (MFI). All HRLP funded activities will use the recapture method.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	25 Households

The HRLP Program will be used to assist low-income households with major, costly repairs and will improve the existing housing stock of neighborhoods.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG - Rev. Loan, GF, HOME			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$3,653,058			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public
		Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Sustainability ▼	Citation	570.202
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING</i>
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Lead Hazard Control Grant - Healthy Homes	
IDIS Project #: Other Federal Funds	Local ID: 2LHC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The City of Austin received a Lead Hazard Control Grant in spring of 2007 through HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. The new Lead Hazard Grant will allow continuation of lead hazard control services offered under the previous three year grant awarded in January 2003 and ending December 31, 2005. The new grant will provide lead hazard control services for 296 eligible households for the three year grant period targeting low-income owner-occupied and rental units, housing children under the age of six and built prior to 1978.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	90 Households

The Lead Hazard Control Grant will provide abatement services to eligible households.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) Lead Hazard Control Grant, Healthy Homes			
Total 3-year Grant Funding \$3,761,662			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING</i>
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Materials Grants Program
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Materials Rebate Program is to provide eligible non-profit organizations with assistance to recover the cost of materials used to repair the homes of low-income families. This is accomplished by providing rebates to the non-profit organizations for materials used. Eligible income level is 60 percent median family income (MFI) or below.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 30 Households

Non-profit organizations that provide repairs to the homes of low-income homeowners will receive rebates for the materials used.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) HTF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$50,000			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Decent Housing ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING</i>
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Program	
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds	Local ID: 8SMT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ assists non-profit and for-profit builders to create housing that is safe, located in mixed-income neighborhoods, accessible, reasonably-priced, transit-oriented, and that meets Austin Energy's Green Building standards.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	1750 Households

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ will provide fee waivers, fast-track reviews, problem-solving assistance and regulatory reviews that facilitate the construction of homeownership and rental housing that serves households at 80 percent median family (MFI) income or below.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) GF - CIP, EDI	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$718,224	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

Holly Good Neighbor Program

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Holly Good Neighbor program provides repairs and rehabilitation to properties closest to the Holly Power Plant. Austin Energy funds the program, administered by the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD), and facilitated by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Some examples of home repairs include: exterior paint, roofing, electrical system work, plumbing, foundation work, HVAC system, and other interior and exterior repairs. Eligible income is 80 percent of median family income (MFI) for rehabilitation projects and 60 percent of MFI for reconstruction projects. For reconstruction projects, the loan documents will contain provisions which include a Shared Equity Formula and a Purchase Option and Right of First Refusal Agreement. Program clients will be required to share 25 percent of any equity that they may gain at resale with the City of Austin and they will be required to offer the home for sale to the City of Austin before any other Buyers.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 15 Households

The Holly Good Neighbor Program will be used to assist low- and moderate-income Holly residents with substantial home repairs. This program will improve and revitalize the Holly neighborhood.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) Austin Energy
FY 2007-08 Total Funding Not Applicable - Administered through Austin Energy's Budget

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Holly Neighborhood

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

Voluntary Compliance Agreement	
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds	Local ID: 2REH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Voluntary Compliance Agreement program ensures compliance with applicable federal, state and local accessibility laws when a multi-family housing development receives financial assistance from the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). The program will now include training of City staff assigned to accessibility review and inspection duties.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	1,500 Households

A third party contractor reviews all AHFC financed multi-family developments for accessibility compliance at the plan review and inspection stage. The contractor trains City staff responsible for 2003 and 2006 International Building Code accessibility plan review and inspection. The program will review 10 plan reviews and will complete 10 site inspections.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) GF-CIP	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$44,000	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

Tax-Exempt Bond Program

IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Austin receives authority from the State to issue tax-exempt bonds for two programs. One program, the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program (MCC), provides a federal income tax credit, up to \$2,000 per year for the life of their mortgage, to first-time homebuyers. The size of the annual Federal Income Tax credit is based on the amount of the mortgage. The saved income taxes can be used to offset monthly debt or increase the homebuyer's available disposable income to make a home more affordable. The second program, the Multifamily Bonds Program, issues tax-exempt bonds to provide lower cost mortgages for rental housing for low- and moderate-income households.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 60 Households

The MCC program will lower homebuyers' cost of homeownership up to \$2,000 per year. The Multi-Family Bonds Program lowers the cost of providing affordable rental units. The Multi-Family Bond Program at the present time has one pending application for fiscal year 2007-08.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) Housing Bonds
FY 2007-08 Total Funding N/A

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	N/A
Decent Housing ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	N/A
		Location	Community Wide

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Other Housing Reports

Impediments to Fair Housing Update

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
<p>1. Lack of accessible housing to meet the need of the disabled community in Austin.</p>	
	<p>a. The City should provide education on accessibility and how to comply with the Fair Housing Act and the American Disability Act (ADA) standards.</p>
<p>The City of Austin Equal Employment Fair Housing Office (EEFHO) provides enforcement, education, and inspections of properties for compliance with the Fair Housing Act. The City provides financial resources to the Austin Tenants' Council to provide Renters' Rights and Fair Housing Counseling, and the City's S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ program has accessibility standards for residential development. The City funds a third-party contractor to perform accessibility review and inspection for City-funded multi-family development. City staff inspects for compliance with Visitability Ordinance standards, adopted in October 1998 and revised in January 2004 and June 2005, for City-assisted single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes. The City's EEFHO and Human Rights Commission also work to inform the public of their rights. In addition, City staff work on capacity building with the following groups: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Austin Tenant's Council, Human Rights Commission, Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Roundtable and the Homeless Task Force.</p>	
	<p>b. The City should adopt the 2003 International Building Code or an equivalent, with similar requirements, in order to enforce the accessibility standards on developers and builders.</p>
<p>The City Council adopted the 2003 International Building code on December 15, 2005. All building permit applications filed after December 31, 2005 are subject to the accessibility provisions of the 2003 IBC 2003 International Building Code Accessibility Standards.</p>	
	<p>c. The City should offer incentives to get private developers to plan their construction process in anticipation of future conversions for accessibility.</p>
<p>The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative adopted in April 2000 and revised in January 2004 and June 2005 creates incentives with requirements for accessibility and visitability standards that reduce future costs for retrofitting existing housing for people with disabilities.</p>	

Impediments to Fair Housing Update

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
<p>2. Lack of affordable housing in Austin</p>	
	<p>a. The City should continue the production of affordable housing units in existing low-income neighborhoods through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD).</p>
<p>The fiscal year 2004-09 Consolidated Plan states in the Neighborhood Priority section: A significant component of Austin’s housing strategy for the next five years will be implementing housing affordability components of neighborhood plans and master plans adopted by the City Council in recent years.</p> <p>NHCD works to respond to the housing affordability components of adopted neighborhood plans and City task force reports on gentrification mitigation by providing S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ incentives and other housing program resources for new single-family and multi-family developments. In addition, NHCD offers other housing services in order to implement the goals of the respective plans and task force reports.</p> <p>Efforts in areas without adopted neighborhood plans or Master plans may also be in priority neighborhoods. Priority neighborhoods are defined by the amount of eligible census tracts in each neighborhood area. HUD defines an eligible census tract as having the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 percent of its households with incomes below 80 percent of the Area Median Gross Income ▪ or having a poverty rate of 25 percent 	
	<p>b. The City should work towards increasing affordable housing in census tracts that currently do not provide affordable housing for low-income citizens.</p>
<p>As stated above, NHCD has a number of strategies to create and retain affordable housing opportunities in Austin. Many of these projects are centered on low-income areas, but with the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ program has many new projects that offer reasonably-priced housing available to low- and moderate-income households in higher income areas. As always, to be eligible to reside or utilize a federally funded housing program, the household must be at or below 80 percent median family income (MFI), regardless of the MFI for the census tract or zip code.</p>	
	<p>c. The City should work with local employers to design and implement Employer-Assisted Housing Programs.</p>

Impediments to Fair Housing Update

At the current time, there are no proposed projects to provide employer-assisted housing; however, the City is exploring the employer partnership as part of the community dialogue on Community Land Trusts.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
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3. Discrimination of minorities in housing rental and sales market.

	a. The City should work with other agencies to increase the fair housing knowledge of the public.
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The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was formed to increase coordination between the following departments: Transportation, Planning and Sustainability, Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), NHCD, Parks and Recreation, Aviation, Office of the Police Monitor, Austin Police and Fire, City Auditor. NHCD works with the Mayor's Committee, the Human Rights Commission and the Austin Tenants' Council to increase fair housing knowledge.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
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4. Misconception by property managers concerning family occupancy standards.

	a. The City should work with other agencies to increase the knowledge that family occupancy standards do not exist.
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The City's Equal Opportunity/Fair Housing Office works to inform the public of their rights, and the Austin Tenants' Council works directly with renters and homeowners about their rights.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
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5. Lack of accessibility or adaptability requirements in the current Austin building code.

	a. The City should adopt 2003 International Building Code and review and inspect based on this standard.
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The City Council adopted the 2003 International Building Code on December 15, 2005.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
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6. Predatory lending practices.

	a. The City should provide education on the hazards of this type of lending.
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Impediments to Fair Housing Update

In fiscal year 2007-08, AHFC will continue to offer its housing counseling program, *Housing Smarts* that provides homebuyer counseling and foreclosure prevention components. Housing Smarts will continue to hold outreach sessions at homebuyer fairs, seniors groups, and other community groups. In addition, the program offers a Train-the-Trainer program to community- and faith-based organizations that, upon completing the training, can provide housing counseling information to their respective members.

The City discourages predatory lending by requiring all households that participate in the Down Payment Assistance Program and Mortgage Credit Certificate Program to secure fixed-rate mortgages at prevailing interest rates.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
7. Disparity in lending practices.	
	a. The City should work with lenders to expand homeownership and credit counseling classes to the public.

The NHCD Housing Information and Referral Program informs people of the HUD-approved list of credit counselors and homebuyer counselors through phone referrals, emails and information on NHCD's website. AHFC's housing counseling program, *Housing Smarts*, actively markets to local lenders and real estate professionals to raise awareness about the program. In addition, AHFC works with lenders at community events such as homebuyer fairs to educate the public concerning available mortgage products.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
8. Failure of mortgage lenders to offer products and services to very low-income and minority census tracts people (characteristics similar to traditional redlining).	
	a. The City should work to leverage federal housing funds through partnerships with lending institutions that provide funding which encourages renewed investment in deteriorated neighborhoods.

In fiscal year 2005-06, \$ 17,542,115 was leveraged through federal funding sources CDBG and HOME, and \$ 10,200,537 was leveraged using non-federal funding sources to provide affordable housing opportunities.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
9. Insufficient financial literacy education.	
	a. The City should work with agencies to provide financial literacy education to the public.

Impediments to Fair Housing Update

The NHCD Housing Information and Referral Program informs people of the HUD-approved list of credit counselors and homebuyer counselors through phone referrals, emails and information on NHCD’s website. AHFC will continue to offer its housing counseling program, *Housing Smarts*, to residents of the City of Austin with total household incomes at 80 percent median family income (MFI) and below. A key component of the program is financial literacy. Housing Smarts will continue to hold outreach sessions at homebuyer fairs, seniors groups, and other community groups.

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
10. Insufficient income to afford housing.	
	a. The City should continue to work to expand job opportunities.
In fiscal year 2005-06, NHCD provided economic development opportunities to create 43 jobs through the following programs: Neighborhood Commercial Management Program, Community Development Bank, Small Minority Business Assistance, and the E. 11 th & 12 th Street Revitalization.	

Report on Voluntary Compliance with Accessibility and Visitability Requirements in Multi-Family Housing

The Voluntary Compliance Program provides plan review and inspection services of new multi-family developments that are subject to the Fair Housing Act, the American with Disabilities Act, the Texas Accessibility Standards, and/or the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ accessibility standards. All S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ applicants to date have complied with applicable accessibility or visitability requirements or are in process of making corrections to plans or construction.

The original Voluntary Compliance Agreement that began in 1997 and expired in 2002, required at least four inspections or plan reviews per year. The City continued the Voluntary Compliance Program after the expiration of the program. The City also enforces visitability and accessibility standards through the Visitability Ordinance, passed by Austin City Council in October 1998 and through the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ program requirements that began in April 2000. To date, the City contractor has performed accessibility reviews and/or inspections for 89 separate multi-family developments at 88 separate sites over the past five years. The results include:

- Twenty sites were subject to Section 504 standards
- Sixty nine sites have received final inspection for either Section 504 and/or Fair Housing/ADA/TAS standards
- Four sites have repaid their loans or are no longer under an affordability period; these sites are therefore not subject to enforcement

Impediments to Fair Housing Update

- Three applicants repaid waived fees and are no longer subject to accessibility or affordability requirements following community opposition to the proposed housing development
- Five sites received plan review services only since no federal funding or S.M.A.R.T. Housing assistance was provided
- One development was issued a visitability waiver
- Eighty one of the developments reviewed received final review and inspection by April 30, 2006

Continuum of Care of Homeless Services Report

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Programs Continuum of Care, Fiscal Year 2007-08 Austin Homeless Task Force

The Homeless Task Force Resources and Programs Committee (RPC) leads the planning, data collection, analysis, and writing for the annual Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant application. The planning includes: a) identifying methods for communicating to interested parties how to become involved, b) determining what types of project categories will be prioritized, c) developing the local application process, including evaluation criteria and submission requirements, and d) identifying which entities will be represented on the Independent Review Team, the group that evaluates, scores and ranks the projects.

In 2006, the City of Austin applied for \$3,982,096 and was awarded \$3,406,067 after the applications were reviewed by HUD and given a score of 85.5, which was .5 points below 86, the threshold for funding.

While all of the proposed renewal programs were funded, the new proposed project was not funded by HUD. This new Permanent Supportive Housing Project, serving Persons with Disabilities, sponsored by Caritas of Austin, would have provided 20 units for persons who fit the definition of chronically homeless. Affordable permanent housing is the greatest gap in the local continuum; and within that category, permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities is another critical gap. The community is working to identify strategies to fill this gap in funding for this project to proceed this year.

Ending Chronic Homelessness in Austin/Travis County

2004 Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

In 2003, in response to HUD's initiative and with support from the City of Austin, the Homeless Task Force formed a committee to develop a ten-year plan to end chronic homelessness. This entity, the Chronic Homelessness Working Group, was comprised of representatives from 26 different social service organizations, businesses, state and local government entities and members of the faith community. The recommendations of the plan follow the guidelines of the National Alliance to End Homelessness' plan and guide the community in planning, prioritizing, and developing strategies to end chronic homelessness. The plan, entitled *Ending Chronic Homelessness in Austin/Travis County*, was approved by the Austin City Council in September 2004.

In order to implement the plan, the Homeless Task Force created the **End Chronic Homelessness Organizing Committee** (ECHO), to take the central role in moving the plan forward. Membership of the ECHO Committee includes the participation of representatives from 46 groups, organizations, agencies, and community volunteers, supported by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD). The members are expected to make a minimum one-year commitment.

The overall role of the ECHO Committee is to identify specific strategies and to oversee ongoing planning and implementation of the plan to end chronic homelessness in the community. The ECHO Committee is comprised of four subcommittees: Planning & Evaluation, Prevention, Exiting, and Systemic Issues. Regular monthly meetings for each subcommittee have been held, and plenary meetings for all ECHO members have been held quarterly. The Chronic Homelessness Working Group and the Homeless Task Force's Housing and Health Care Subcommittees were folded into the ECHO Committee in 2004.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Report Special Requirements, Fiscal Year 2007-08

Describe how the proposed activities will be used to meet the urgent needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families that are not being addressed by public and private resources.

Historically, the City's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program has contracted with two providers, AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) and Project Transitions, to carry out HOPWA activities independently or in the case of the Rent, Mortgage and Utility program, collaboratively. This process has proven to support HOPWA activities effectively and in a timely manner.

The HOPWA program provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance to meet the urgent needs of eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The goal of the program is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS. The program requires that clients receive case management services in order to take part in the HOPWA program. Through case management services, HOPWA clients are referred to and are able to access other housing possibilities. Case managers consistently play a key role in assisting clients to tap into other housing resources such as Section 8 housing.

To ensure eligible clients are able to establish a new residence, funding of Permanent Housing Placement as a housing activity is needed to cover reasonable costs to move person into a safe and stable living environment. Payments to cover first month's rent have been identified as an urgent need for eligible clients and their families. Payments for these expenses are not eligible under STRMU and TBRA.

In an effort to address the needs of underserved clients who have criminal histories and housing eviction histories, HOPWA provider agencies explored transitional housing resources. HOPWA provider agencies now consistently refer to a limited number of transitional housing resources that accept clients with criminal and eviction histories.

HIV case managers also provided services that address the urgent needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families by: 1) referrals, assistance, and follow-up for affordable housing, rent and utility deposits, income assistance, mental health and substance abuse treatment/counseling and primary medical care; and 2) assisting with budgeting and resource negotiation skills.

Describe the public and private resources expected to be made available in connection with the proposed activities being funded.

Because housing needs far exceed supply, other funding sources have been sought. Resources have come from the following:

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AIDS Services of Austin (ASA), through the City of Austin, will receive funding from Best Single Source, an Austin collaborative project of seven agencies, to provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance. Funds are most frequently used for individuals who, due to income eligibility limitations, do not qualify for HOPWA or qualify for small amounts of HOPWA assistance. The goal of the program is to maximize financial allotments for a small number of clients in order to ensure housing stability to increase self-sufficiency and decrease dependency on community resources.

Project Transitions contributes a portion of its own general funds for housing related services. Some clients in the HOPWA program can afford to pay a portion of their monthly housing/supportive services costs through a sliding-scale fee. HOPWA subcontractors retain program income to provide additional services.

ASA contracts for 10 subsidized housing slots through the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Shelter Plus Program. Clients usually use these slots for up to five years. ASA refers, on average, two new clients per year to fill slots when clients exit the program.

Supportive Housing staff in the HOPWA program make contacts and referrals as needed with case managers at ASA, Austin/ Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Community AIDS Resource Education (CARE), Community Action, The Wright House Wellness Center and the City of Austin's Communicable Disease Unit. ASA and Wright House food banks provide transportation and pick-up for the HOPWA program clients. A resource directory that contains information about available community resources, including food, clothing, education, employment, children's needs (schools, immunizations, etc), transportation options, housing options, mental health resources, etc. has also been created and is used by HOPWA case managers to identify client resources. Staff and interns also work to coordinate services with Child Protective Services, the City of Austin Housing Authority, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Capital Area Workforce and members of the legal system.

The City of Austin's HOPWA program is one of five HIV-related grant programs that provide services under 16 categories of HIV/AIDS services in the Austin area. These grants include: Ryan White-Titles I, II, and III; State of Texas HIV Health and Social Services; and HOPWA-HUD. The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department administers the Ryan White Titles I and III and HOPWA-HUD programs which represent HIV program of services valued at over \$4.8 million annually. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) administers Ryan White Title II and the State of Texas HIV Health and Social Services which cumulatively are valued at approximately \$720,000. In the Austin area, the Austin Area HIV Planning Council generates the only HIV services Priority List, based on a "transitional grant area" wide comprehensive needs assessment. By allocating grant funds to services with respect to this community-wide priority list, additional contributions from grant allocations, private funds, and in-kind contributions are effectively targeted, and duplication or gaps in services is minimized.

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Case managers at agencies providing rent and utility assistance leverage resources by providing case management services through HIV grant-related funds; through use of emergency or special funds to pay for housing deposits and documents required to secure low-income housing; and through the use of agency vehicles and taxi vouchers to transport clients applying for housing-related resources.

The State of Texas provides additional public funds to contract directly with Community Action to provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in rural areas of Central Texas.

Describe the method of selecting project sponsors for activities in the Metropolitan area, including areas not within the boundaries of the applicant City.

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) selected its HOPWA service providers through the creation of a community collaborative. Case management service provider agencies formed a collaborative of five community-based organizations to provide essential financial help to HIV-positive clients and their family members. Case managers from AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) and the five agencies assess client need and submit requests for assistance according to the need.

Historically, two providers, ASA and Project Transitions, have been selected to carry out the HOPWA activities independently or in the case of the Rent, Mortgage and Utility program, collaboratively. This process has proven to support HOPWA activities effectively and in a timely manner.



**SECTION 5
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
AND PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
<i>The objective is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or preservation of jobs.</i>			
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT			
Identified as a high priority, the City of Austin commits a portion of its annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds, along with Section 108 funds, to help create and retain job opportunities through various economic development activities.			
Type	Priority for Federal Funds	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Small Business Development	High	63	CDBG, GF, CDBG-Rev. Loan, Section 108

Community Development Bank			
IDIS Project #:	12	Local ID:	2CBD
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			

The Community Development Bank Program provides program delivery funds for the administration of a loan program that provides flexible capital and technical assistance to small and minority-owned businesses that are expanding or relocating to low-income areas. The primary purpose of the program is job creation or job retention for low-to-moderate income individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	5 Jobs

The program will create or retain jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$196,587			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMJ ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Private 570.500c
		Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼		Citation	570.203b
Availability/Accessibility ▼		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Microenterprise Technical Assistance
 IDIS Project #: 25 Local ID: 2CBD
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program provides operational funds for the administration of technical assistance for qualified microenterprises in the City of Austin. A microenterprise is a business which has five or fewer employees, one being the owner. The primary purpose of the program is to provide technical assistance to certified microenterprises.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
 Accomplishment 33 Businesses

The activity will provide technical assistance to certified microenterprises.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$248,911			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private 570.500c
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201o
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood Commercial Management Program

IDIS Project #:	27	Local ID:	2CBD
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			

The Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP) is a revolving loan pool, which provides gap financing to eligible borrowing businesses who have operated for two or more years. These small business loans can be used for acquisition of land and improvements, various fixed costs, new construction, and leasehold improvements. The program increases profitability of small businesses to support the creation and retention of jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals. Small businesses may be eligible for gap financing for up to 40 percent of eligible project costs. The program is available city wide, but focuses on several priority areas.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	25 Jobs

The NCMP program will create and retain jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) CDBG, CDBG-Rev. Loan, Section 108, GF	
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$4,102,416	

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Economic Development ▼	Eligibility
			LMJ ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	
		9/30/2008	
		Citation	570.203b
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>			
<i>The objective is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or preservation of jobs.</i>			
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION			
The objective of Commercial Revitalization is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or preservation of jobs.			
Type	Priority for	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Commercial Revitalization	High	4,922	CDBG, PI (CDBG), GF, Section 108, EDI

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i> COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION
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East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan contains projects and programs that seek to restore a thriving mix of uses and activities along the East 11th and 12th Streets corridors. East 11th Street is envisioned as a visitor-oriented destination consisting of three 5-story buildings that provide entertainment, music and office uses that will attract users from the Austin metropolitan area as well as local residents. The East 12th Street corridor is envisioned as a mixed-use area with a variety of small-scale, live-work environments with combined office, retail and residential uses which serve the immediate area. This revitalization will take the combination of federal, local, and private resources to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in this community.

Public and private partnerships with business, financial, and non-profit communities are key to spurring quality investment, commercial development, and job creation throughout the East 11th and 12th Streets area. The revitalization efforts will be achieved through activities such as, but not limited to, land acquisition, demolition of dilapidated structures, relocation of displaced persons/businesses, preservation of historic structures, redevelopment of abandoned and/or substandard structures, improvement of infrastructure, construction of new mixed-used facilities, and the provision of small businesses loans to provide gap financing in exchange for job creation or retention.

As part of the efforts to facilitate economic and business expansion in the targeted corridors, the City of Austin recaptured \$322,924 that was generated from the disposition of two tracts of land in the East 11th and 12th Street redevelopment area. These funds will be refunded back to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are anticipated to be reprogrammed back into the East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment area to continue the revitalization efforts currently underway.

FUNDING
Fund Source(s) CDBG, PI (CDBG), Section 108, EDI, GF FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$2,031,098

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 1, Job Creation	
IDIS Project #:	14
Local ID:	2CMR
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	6 Jobs

This project creates and/or retains jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals by providing small business loans. Borrowing entities may be eligible for GAP financing for up to 40 percent of eligible project costs.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMJ ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.203b
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>	
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION	
East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 2, Microenterprises	
IDIS Project #:	37
Local ID:	2CMR
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	5 Businesses

This project provides technical assistance to certified Microenterprises within the East 11th/12th Street Corridor.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion	9/30/2008
		Date	
		Citation	570.203b
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804;

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 3, Financial Assistance to For-Profits	
IDIS Project #: 38	Local ID: 2CMR
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	1,634 People

This project will increase new goods and services offered in the area by providing loans to new businesses that open in or relocate to the area.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMA ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Affordability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.203b
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 4, Acquisition of Real Property	
IDIS Project #:	39
Local ID:	2CBD
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	1,635 People

This project will prevent and eliminate slum and blight influences in the area through the acquisition of vacant land and dilapidated structures and demolition of structures.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		01 Acquisition of Real Property 570.201(a) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities			
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs			
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	SBA ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.203b
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 5, Non-Residential Historic Preservation

IDIS Project #: 40 Local ID: 2CMR

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 3 Businesses

The project will provide financial assistance to owners of eligible historic commercial or civic dilapidated buildings for renovation activities to prevent and eliminate the slum and blight influences in the area.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Economic Development ▼	SBA ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.202d
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 6, Parking Facilities	
IDIS Project #:	41
Local ID:	2CMR
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	1,634 People

This project will provide funds for the development of community parking lots to support the economic growth of the area.

PROJECT INFORMATION				
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		03G Parking Facilities 570.201(c) ▼		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Economic Development ▼	LMA ▼	
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other	
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Sustainability ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008	
		Citation	570.201c	
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453	

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East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 7, Façade Improvements	
IDIS Project #: 42	Local ID: 2CMR
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	5 Businesses

This project will provide financial assistance to owners of eligible commercial buildings for renovation/rehabilitation to exterior facades. The program gives up to \$30,000 to each business for upgrades.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not-Applicable with EDI funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Other
		Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
Creating Economic Opportunities ▼	Sustainability ▼	Citation	570.203b
		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
The objective of Public Services is to serve low-income households through financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to increase the availability of services to the community.

PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
 The objective of Neighborhood Revitalization is to provide assistance to eligible organizations so they can develop and implement neighborhood improvements and youth projects.

Type	Priority for Federal	FY 2007-08 Goal	Funding Sources
Public Services/ Neighborhood Revitalization	High	33,897	CDBG, GF, HTF

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES	
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION	
Child Care Services	
IDIS Project #: 11	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This program increases the supply of quality child care by providing services to children from low-income families whose gross income is less than 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines and who reside within the Austin city limits. The three components of the program serve families in crisis, children of teen parents who are attending school, and families in work, school, or job training. The City of Austin's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) contracts with the child care providers for the services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	324 People

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) administers the child care program that increases the supply of child care for low-income families. Social service contracts through HHSD provide: 1) child care vouchers for homeless and near-homeless families, families in crisis, and parents enrolled in self-sufficiency programs; 2) direct child care services for teen parents who are attending school; and 3) direct child care services through the Early Head Start child development program.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$715,315			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Public Services ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Private 570.500c
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES</i>
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Tenants' Rights Assistance	
IDIS Project #: 35	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The objectives of the program are: 1) Facilitate mediation services between landlords and low- to moderate-income tenants that will result in completed health and safety related repairs to rental units, which will help maintain reasonable habitability standards; 2) Provide direct counseling and technical assistance to low-income renters regarding tenant/landlord issues; 3) Provide public education and information through workshops and public forums on landlord/tenant relationships and educate renters on their rights as well as their responsibilities under the law; 4) Identify fair housing complaints that may be investigated by the Austin Tenants' Council which may resolve, reduce or minimize discriminatory housing practices.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	549 People

This program will provide mediation, counseling, public information, and identify fair housing complaints.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$288,458			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling 570.201(e) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Public Services ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Private 570.500c
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Housing Information and Referral	
IDIS Project #: 24	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Housing Information and Referral Program (HIRS) provides technical assistance and referrals regarding affordable housing information and other social service programs through Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) by telephone and the NHCD website. Any household is eligible and can access the HIRS services. The program is funded with CDBG and City dollars.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	28,977 People

The HIRS program will provide affordable housing technical assistance and provider referrals by telephone and will count as accomplishments 25 percent of web hits to the Helpful Links on NHCD website.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) GF FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$84,591			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Public Services ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES</i>	
<i>PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION</i>	
Housing Smarts - Housing Counseling	
IDIS Project #:	Non-Federal Funds
Local ID:	2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

Housing Smarts, a Austin Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC) housing counseling program, offers housing counseling to City of Austin residents at 80 percent Median Family Income (MFI) and below. Class participants learn financial literacy skills, homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention. The program offers individual housing counseling sessions as needed and upon request. The program uses the Neighborworks America's housing counseling curriculum.

Accomplishment Description	
Accomplishments	180 People

The program's class participants will receive housing counseling information. Those completing the class will receive a certificate good for one year that can be provided to a mortgage lender as evidence of completion of a housing counseling course.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) HTF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$408,356			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	
		9/30/2008	
		Citation	
		N/A	
		Location	Community Wide

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PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Neighborhood Support Services	
IDIS Project #: 29	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Neighborhood Support Services program assists in the creation of working partnerships in priority neighborhoods to improve the quality of life and increase resident participation in neighborhood activities. Priority neighborhoods are those where, according to census data, the majority of residents' income is at or below 80 percent of the median family income (MFI). The City promotes partnerships with neighborhood associations, community-based organizations and local volunteers. The program provides assistance through neighborhood newsletters, neighborhood litter cleanups, provision of safety equipment (smoke detectors and fire extinguishers) to the elderly, and sponsorship of the annual NeighborFest and Raise the Roof events.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	3,500 Households

The program will provide community workshops and community service projects that promote neighborhood and personal safety objectives.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$122,139			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Public Services ▼	LMA ▼
Objective Category		Outcome Categories	Subrecipient
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES</i>
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Senior Services	
IDIS Project #: 32	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Health and Human Service Department (HHSD), via a contract through a subrecipient, provides services that help prevent and protect seniors from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Persons must meet income, age, & residential eligibility requirements.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	208 People

Senior services provides temporary shelter for seniors; assists seniors in, or at risk of abusive, neglectful, or exploitative situations; assists seniors to maintain their independence via home care services and provides money management services to seniors.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$161,611			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		05A Senior Services 570.201(e) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Public Services ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Private 570.500c
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.201e
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Youth Support Services	
IDIS Project #: 36	Local ID: 2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC) provides access to holistic, wraparound services and support to youth who are designated at-risk and their families. The program has three components that provide differing levels of intervention and support: school-based intensive wraparound, community-based wraparound, and summer camps. YFAC in partnership with the youth and their family address the unique needs and challenges of their situation to improve the youth's functioning in school, the community, and home.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	159 People

Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC) will continue to serve youth designated at-risk and their families. The services and supports will be individualized to the youth and family and will be delivered utilizing the wraparound model. The interventions will focus on the areas of basic needs, mental health services, educational support and social enrichment. YFAC services will continue to be accessed through designated schools and community centers.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, GF			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$238,260			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		05D Youth Services 570.201(e) ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Public Services ▼	LMC ▼
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Private 570.500c
Suitable Living Environment ▼	Availability/Accessibility ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
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<i>PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE</i>
PUBLIC FACILITIES

ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	
IDIS Project #: 20	Local ID: 2PUB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

City secured a \$6 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to construct a homeless shelter, resource center and health clinic in downtown Austin. The facility was opened in April 2004. Repayment of the Section 108 Loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2022.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$573,879			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion	
		Date 9/30/2008	
		Citation 570.705c	
		Location Community Wide	

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood Commercial Management Debt Service

IDIS Project #: 29 **Local ID:** 2PUB

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

After initially funding Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP) with CDBG funds, the City secured a \$2 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to support the NCMP. Repayment of the Section 108 will be in the form of two semi-annual payments of interest only in February of each year and principle and interest in August of each year. The primary repayment source is loan repayment funds for a period of 20 years ending 2026.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, PI (Section 108)			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$224,602			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.705c
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Street Revitalization Debt Service
 IDIS Project #: 15 Local ID: 2PUB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City secured a \$9 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to implement the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Project. Repayment of the Section 108 Loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20 year period ending in 2017.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$877,455			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.705c
		Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE
PUBLIC FACILITIES

Millennium Youth Center Debt Service
 IDIS Project #: 27 Local ID: 2PUB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City secured a \$7.8 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to construct a youth entertainment center in central east Austin. The facility was opened in June 1999. Repayment of the Section 108 Loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2018.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG			
FY 2007-08 Total Funding \$753,559			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless		19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Public Facilities ▼	N/A
Objective Category	Outcome Categories	Subrecipient	Local Government
Not Applicable ▼	Not Applicable ▼	Expected Completion Date	9/30/2008
		Citation	570.705c
		Location	Community Wide



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**CITY OF AUSTIN
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON COMMUNITY NEEDS
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2007-2008**

In Fiscal Year 2007-08, the City of Austin expects to receive \$13 million through four HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these grants from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Austin must submit annually an Action Plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services. The City has begun development of its Action Plan, 2007-08, which is due to HUD on August 15, 2007.

As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in the annual Action Plan are four public hearings before the City Council and the Community Development Commission (CDC) and a 30-day comment period on the draft Plan.

There will be two public hearings to receive citizen input on community needs and service gaps. All interested persons are invited to attend.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON COMMUNITY NEEDS
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

- **Thursday, March 8th at 6:00PM.** Before the City Council at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.
- **Thursday, March 15th at 6:30 PM.** Before the Community Development Commission, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.

If you would like to submit written public comments, please write to
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
Attn: Action Plan Planning FY 2007-08
PO Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767
Email: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/connect/email_nhcd.htm

For more information, contact the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD), Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. at 974-3100 (voice) or 974-3102 (TDD).

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Conduct a public hearing under the Citizen Participation Plan to receive comments on community needs to develop (1) the annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2007-2008, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and (2) the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2007-2008 Program.

1) David W. Davis, Passages Program

I'm here tonight to thank the City for the support provided over the years, by providing tenant based rental assistance and funding from Austin's Housing Finance Corporation to support the passages partnership. This partnership includes the Austin Housing Authority, the City of Austin, Salvation Army, Passages Program, and provides transitional housing to homeless family families and has been operational since March of 1998. The TBRA housing subsidy is funded by the HOME and Housing Trust Fund programs at the current level of \$761,921. As of March of 2007 the program has housed a total of approximately 460 families, most of whom have received 12 to 18 months of tenant based rental assistance. This includes approximately 1,465 people, or 460 heads of household, 165 additional adults and these families, and 840 children and families. Currently, we have approximately 68 families in the TBRA housing, and are in the process of getting additional households into TBRA. Services funded by the Passages Collaboration include case management for 18 months, subsidized child care, limited financial assistance, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, life skills, training, job readiness training, and referral to permanent and transitional housing. In addition, the Austin Housing Corporation has for the past two years provided \$30,000 in financial assistance for housing and utility deposits and first month's rent. In terms of outcomes, every year approximately 80 to 85 percent of the families participating in the passages program acquire permanent housing. During the time families are in TBRA paying reduced rents they work on reducing debts and increasing skills and income. We'd like to thank the City of Austin, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, the Housing Trust Fund, and the CDC for its continued support in offering opportunities for homeless families in Austin. We would like to encourage the CDC to continue funding at the current level of \$761,921 per year. I'd also like to say that we couldn't do this without the support of many other programs that are funded through this process that provide child care, that provide assistance to renters, fair housing and those sorts of things. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this evening.

2) Tanya Winters, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Thank you, City Council members for allowing me to speak here tonight. I'm here representing the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, and I'm here to talk to you tonight about being in support of the architectural barrier removal (ABR) program funded through the community development block grant. The barrier removal program provides residential accessibility modifications in homes of residents who are disabled or elderly and to meet the programmatic income and disability guidelines for the service. Modifications may include wheelchair ramps, stair and porch railings, bathroom grab bars, widened doorways, raised toilets and extended seats, accessible sinks, etc. Austin has over

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700,000 residents, with projections that 30 percent of the population who is elderly or who has a disability. A significant number of these individuals may benefit from ABR programs. To help maintain their independence in the community, the ABR program has operated in Austin since 1979 and has never gone without a waiting list. The program enables people to continue living in their own homes, more safely, with greater independence and enhanced self-worth and dignity. Austin is recognized by the national organization on disability for the success of the ABR program and its contribution to the quality of life for citizens with disabilities. A shining example of ABR program's success is a story of Candy Page, a single parent, who with a disability was serviced by the program in 2005. Ms. Page had a wheelchair ramp installed in her home by the ABR program. This service allows her to come and go as she pleases, accessing the community through Capital Metro's nearby accessible public transportation. Through the service of the ABR program Ms. Page is successfully employed to support her family. Throughout the history of this program thousands of citizens like Ms. Page, have avoided unnecessary institutionalization allowing them to continue living their lives in the homes with their families and neighbors. The cost resulting from cuts to the ABR program will need to be measured by the number of lives that are kept from enjoying the full participation in our community. The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities urges commitments to full funding of the architectural barrier removal program by the City of Austin and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department. Thank you.

3) Sam Persley, Austin Tenant's Council

Good evening, Mayor and Council Members. I'm with the Austin Tenant's Council. I'm speaking in behalf of all of the renters in the Austin area and surrounding areas. I'd like to bring to your attention the fact that over half of the residents here in Austin are renters, and as a result of that at the Tenant's Council we receive about 1,200 to 1,500 telephone calls a month on the telephone counseling line. Our telephone counseling line is the initial point of contact for most of our clients who request information about their rights. We receive calls for assistance from tenants as well as landlords, and some of the disputes that we help them with are disputes over lease agreements, rent increases, security deposits, illegal lock outs and utility shut-offs, landlord leans and evictions. We also help them with problems having to do with health and/or safety related repair problems and housing discrimination. In response to these particular needs are provided by our renters' rights assistance program and our fair housing program. Through the Neighborhood Housing Community Development Office listed under the housing services category of Fair Housing and Tenant Counseling. It's designed to assist low- to moderate-income renters who are experiencing health and/or safety repair problem and who live in the City of Austin. We also provide technical assistance to tenant groups in public and subsidized housing. We have combined efforts with and still working with the Austin police department's project Restore Hope, and we're operating out of the north, the central and south Austin areas. Together with the APD and

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other agencies such as Enforcement, the Mexican Consulate, City Sanitation Department, Wells Fargo bank, Austin Fire Department, Health Department and others, we have managed to make a positive impact on the lives of families and individuals living in substandard living conditions. Information found in our client surveys for services provided have revealed 80 percent were very satisfied and 15 percent were at least satisfied with the services they received. The income levels range from the very-low to low-income. Our program has received and documented a large number of complaints for accessibility violations which is a serious matter. Within the first three months of our current contract we had 107 complaints. This is more than the usual amount of complaints for this amount of time. Our records also have noted the number one housing discrimination complaint as being accessibility, following close behind is familial status and race complaints. Another major need in our community is an increase in the number of affordable accessible housing units for our disabled citizens. In closing, we are requesting your support for housing and housing services by making sure that the needs of those families and individuals most in need are met by providing the funding necessary to keep the services available for them.

4) Richard Troxell, Legal Aid

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, good to be back. Council, according to the last several U.S. Conference of Mayors' Report, no one in this nation can afford basic rental housing at the current federal minimum wage. That's not my word, that's the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The level of disability that we pay for people in this nation that are disabled under the current federal program, SSI, is a little more than half of that amount, \$623 a month. That's pitiful. What can you do with \$623 a month in terms of affording housing and eating and being clothed in Austin? You can't. So you've got to be double or tripled up. These people are getting checks. I've been -- as director of legal aid for the homeless I've been getting people disability checks since 1989, and they're walking around with these disability checks and unable to afford basic housing. What we're suggesting is that we create a Section 8 L, a local Section 8 subsidy program, where people would get a supplemental check to go with their Section 8 check, which would bring them up to the minimum level of being able to afford housing in the City of Austin. It's that simple. It's no more complex than that. In researching this I learned that there are 12 states that have said to the federal government that the disability check, the SSI check, the \$623 a month check, is wholly insufficient, and in 12 states they, on a state level, now have created a Section 8 project. So they supplement these people with an additional check so they can afford housing in their City. What we are suggesting is that we pay attention to that. Whether we get this from the \$55 million bond issue or we get this from these dollars, this \$13 million that we're talking about, that we address this problem, that we have people that have been found disabled by the federal government wandering the streets of Austin with a check in their pocket and still not housed. We think that this would garner a tremendous amount of support from the

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downtown business community as well as the private individuals who are suffering under the circumstance. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it very much.

5) Enrique P. Rivera, Family Connections

Thank you Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and Council Members. Thank you for the opportunity of coming here to address you today. I am Enrique Rivera, also known as Rick Rivera, and I've come to speak about a couple of things. Child care is \$550 per child. If you break that down to what it cost hourly for a person working 40 hours a week, that's about \$3.13 for each hour worked. So when you add to that -- or add that to the cost of housing, to the cost of just basic needs, you can see how that type of cost would greatly impair and put at risk a family's stability. The funding you have continually provided to our community's families allows parents to work for their education, find employment and gain greater household stability. So I'd like to thank you for your past support of child care and our community's youngest and the families in which they exist and encourage you to continue your future support for that. So thank you. Secondly, I'm chair of the Homeless Task Force for Austin/Travis County, the current chair of the Task Force. One of our responsibilities in this community is to coordinate the development of our application, our local application of Continuum of Care dollars. Annually that brings in between \$3 and \$4 million in homeless services. Those homeless that are provided through that are in a variety of the housing programs and supportive service programs. It's the supportive service programs where we find our greatest challenge. Basically the Department of Housing and Urban Development has decided to go ahead and place an emphasis on housing at the federal level. They're required to go ahead and spend a certain percentage of their money on housing. The way they tried to go ahead and accomplish a remedy of the situation is to go ahead and put an emphasis on housing services specifically. What this does to us basically is it's challenged us to go ahead and try to address, number one, supporting our current continuum, which is supported through the continuing care collars dollars, as well as try to find ways to help our community's homeless. In the past applications where it's become very relevant to us, where we did not make the scoring threshold to qualify for some of these dollars, basically what this equated to was we weren't able to go ahead and get funded a program which would increase some of our housing for our homeless residents through a grant -- or through an application between communities and Caritas of Austin. What this means long-term is that basically what happened this past year is we missed the threshold by a half a point, 85.5 instead of 86. If we do this for two years in a row, then what we face basically losing the entire \$3 to \$4 million, but we're asking the City Council to do, is to consider ways of taking some of our supportive service dollars off of that contract, or off of the application so that we can increase our housing dollars, score better and try to use that funding stream to create more housing for our community members who find themselves currently unhoused. Thank you very much for your past support of services for the homeless and for affordable housing, and also if

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you ever want any information on homelessness, please look to your homeless task force. We're here for you.

6) Jennifer McPhail, ADAPT Texas

I'm with ADAPT Texas and I want you to know that ADAPT is very supportive of the ABR program. Many of our members have used it, including myself, and my father, when he was alive, and it was very essential to our being able to participate in the community. And then also the Tenants' Council, they provide a very valuable service to those of us with disabilities. I've also used their services and volunteered with them and they've mediated on my behalf in dispute about accessibility, and it was extremely important to me because without them I may have gone quite a while without access to my bathroom. And people kind of take that for granted but your quality of life is much better when you can take a shower or use the toilet. And -- but what I really want to focus on is affordability, because we have two Vista volunteers in our office who are helping people transition from nursing homes into the community, and more and more what they're having to do is go further and further away from the urban core. And when I talk about affordability, I mean way below 30 percent MFI. I mean like 15 percent MFI, like he was talking about, the \$623 on MFI. That's what most people are getting in the community living with disability disabilities. Our unemployment rate is about 70 percent nationally and about 75 in the state or maybe the reverse of the two. But generally in the 70 percent range. So that means you can't really expect us to be able to tote that barge and lift that bail without some support, and the further we get from the urban core, the less likely we are to be productive because if you use Capital Metro lately you know it's like -- if you're in Wells Branch Parkway in order to get into town it takes about three hours. I've done it as a volunteer with the program; we did one of our trainings. It took me six hours round-trip to get to and from where we had to go. That's not productive and not sufficient planning. So I wanted to throw that out there and to also let you know since we're talking about cooperation with Waller, we need to look at ways to cooperate with other entities, like the Housing Authority, to think outside the box and provide housing for people who are below 30 percent MFI, because poverty doesn't go away if you ignore it. We have to deal with it, and let's deal with it in a humane way. We can't just stick our heads in the sand and say, well; they don't generate enough revenue so let's just push them further and further outside of town. That's just not realistic. And it's not fair. Thanks.

7) Christine Hanlon, Communities in Schools/CARE Coordination Program

Thank you. I just wanted to come and share a quick success story, and there's many more where this comes from. Andrew and his family were recommended to the Care Coordination program last spring by one of the program's target elementary schools in east Austin. The family lived in a Housing Authority property and consists of two parents,

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Andrew and his two younger siblings. Andrew had experienced the trauma of being sexually assaulted by a relative a few months earlier. The family was still in crisis over the event dealing with the court system, trying to help Andrew recover from the ordeal and trying to help the younger siblings understand. The mother and father's relationship was falling apart as a result of their reactions to the crisis and they separated for a short time, creating increased stress on an already poor household. Andrew's grades were suffering. Care coordination used a wrap around approach to assist the family in improving their situation. CDBG dollars were used to fund a case manager to help the parents figure out how to meet their children's basic needs like housing, food, clothing and utilities, while the couple was separated. CDBG dollars also provided for an in-home licensed therapist to work with the couple to cope with the trauma that their son experienced and to improve the couple's relationship so they could help their children. The mother and father reunited. The case manager connected them to resources so that they were able to move to affordable housing in a new neighborhood to get a fresh start away from the site of the assault. Care coordination connected Andrew to his own therapist with Austin Travis County MHMR to help him begin to heal from the trauma. He and his younger siblings are also supported through after school and summer activities through the program. The family, care coordinator, therapist, case manager and school representatives met each month in the family's home over the course of a year, making and following through on their plan to improve the family's circumstances. Last month the family graduated from the care coordination program. At the final team meeting the parents reflected on their involvement with the program. They said we don't know where our family would be without this program. Over the year our relationship and communication has improved greatly so we can be better parents to our children. Care coordination is a program of Communities in Schools. It's funded and managed by Travis County Health and Human Services and supported with CDBG public services funding. We appreciate the continuing support of the City of Austin in dedicating CDBG funds to our efforts, youth services portion of the grant. Thank you.

8) Nancy Cates, Mary Lee Foundation

My name is Nancy Cates and I'm here representing the Mary Lee Foundation which is located off of south Lamar on Lamar square drive. We are very supportive of the City's efforts on affordable housing and we appreciate so much the help and support that you have given us in that effort. We are presently working on a project called the Willows, which is an old apartment complex that we purchased. Presently it has 20 apartments in it, but by receiving funding so that we can divide up some of the apartments that are there and add additional apartments on a separate floor, so we can provide 52 apartments that has an elevator, a nice laundry room and meeting room, and 24 of those apartments will be wheelchair accessible. So we appreciate what your efforts are, and we hope that they continue. One of the reasons that we need to add so many more apartments where we are is

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that the closing of the Stone Ridge Apartments, which is two blocks down the road from us, and we are getting calls every day from people who are panicked about where they're going to go and wanting to know if we can supply housing. We also have a brain injury program on our campus, and the people who come out of that are people with disabilities, lifetime disabilities usually. Many of them cannot return home, and they are looking for housing as well. So we are very much into very low income housing, accessible housing, and also providing the services that they need, medication oversight and case management and that sort of thing. We get, as I've said, not only from the Stone Ridge Apartments, we get calls about 25 calls a week. We have a waiting list, waiting for apartments in our area. So I support everything that you are doing, Mary Lee supports you and thanks so much for your support. Thank you.

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CDC Public Hearing on the Needs Assessment for the FY 07-08 Action Plan

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City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

301 W. 2nd Street

Public Testimony

1) Jay Filderman, Salvation Army

I am the passages Program Coordinator at the Salvation Army, a partnership between HACA, the City of Austin, and the Salvation Army since 1998. The TBRA housing subsidy is funded by HOME and HTF program at the current level. TBRA stands for tenant based rental assistance. As of March 2007, the program has housed a total of 460 families, most who received 12 to 18 months of rental units. This includes 1,465 people. Currently, we have approximately 68 families in TBRA housing or in the process of receiving TBRA housing. Services funded include case management, subsidized child care, limited financial assistance, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, life skills training, and referral to permanent and transitional housing. In addition, AHFC has for the past two years provided an additional \$30,000 for utility deposits and first months rent. Each year approximately 80 percent to 85 percent of the households served acquire permanent housing. While with TBRA families work on reducing their debt, they pay reduced rent, and increase skills and income. We would like to thank the Housing Authority of Austin, the City of Austin, the Housing Trust Fund, and the CDC for its continued support and offering opportunities for homeless families in Austin. We encourage the CDC to continue TBRA at current level.

2) Karen Langley, Family Eldercare Executive Director

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to come before you. I am here to give a quick overview of how CDBG funds have been used to support successful aging in community. Through CDBG funds, seniors are able to provide affordable home care and help with managing budgets. We provide case management to those without family support, housing for those in crisis, and legal protections for the mentally incapacitated. These are essential to keep seniors at home, to keep a life together. All four of our programs have waiting lists or turn people away due to limits in capacity. We ask that you continue to support this service at least at the current allocation of \$120,000. Tonight, we also want to add that through our ESG funds we are able to serve people with disabilities. The services and programs provided through CDBG are among the most essential needed to support adults so they may age in community – safely and successfully. A fully supportive community includes meeting home-based care needs for elders and people with disabilities, supports caregivers, and has safe and reliable alternatives when no appropriate family or friend is available in the caregiver role. In recognizing and supporting these basic needs, we can pay back our elders by allowing them to live out their life in community. We can

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provide opportunities for persons ready to exit homelessness that they never had before by becoming their Representative Payee or bill-payer.

Never before in our history have we faced a demographic shift of such magnitude. The “graying” of America has been happening quietly over the past seven years and will continue over the next generation. Women, minorities, and the oldest old – groups that historically have the highest poverty rates – will comprise the largest and fastest growing elderly population segments. Austin ranked third among major metropolitan areas nationwide in the growth rate of its elderly population during the 1990s. Between 2000 and 2005, the Austin-San Marcos MSA’s elderly population experienced more growth than any other MSA in Texas. Over the next decade, all ten counties in the Central Texas region will experience an increase in the number of people ages 65 and older. The most dramatic growth in the region will take place in Travis, Williamson, and Hays counties. Accompanying this elder boom is a growing shift from institutional to community care. The number of older adults in Travis County needing assistance with daily activities will increase by 42 percent from 14,850 to 21,139 in 2015. Currently one in five Travis County households is caring for elderly relatives.

Family Eldercare has experienced dynamic growth in demand for services, programs and staff over the past decade. Since 1999, the number of clients served by Family Eldercare’s programs has increased by 46 percent. These funds are critically needed to keep these services available to our residents. All of our services are available either at no charge or on a sliding fee scale. Aging in community with dignity and respect should be a right- not a luxury or only available to those who can pay. Please continue to fund elderly services through out CDBG Community Plan.

3) Kendra Peters, Family Eldercare

Thank you. Karen alluded to the programs we have at Family Eldercare, our guardianship program, our in-home care, our transitional shelter, and our representative payee service. I would like to briefly talk to you about our representative payee and transitional housing programs because they are two programs that are unduplicated in the community. In the transitional shelter, we provide up to 12 months of transitional housing while people are working towards obtaining permanent housing. There are other transitional services in town, but we are able to do it for those that have no income. Clients are homeless, or near homeless when they come into the shelter. We serve disenfranchised women between the ages of 56 and 78, who due to a variety of circumstances find themselves without a support system and homeless, medically frail men, women without an income who are not appropriate for the Salvation Army or the ARCH. We served 26 older adults and of those, 75 percent were able to obtain permanent and affordable housing. In the representative payee program we provide access and oversight to 160 clients who are on disability, who require a payee by the Social Security Administration to ensure their basic needs are met with the income they receive. Most of those clients have an income of \$620 or less per month.

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We also serve the mentally retarded community with a contract with MHMR and we serve a mentally ill population without a contract with MHMR. Without the payee service the chance of them receiving affordable housing is slim. We serve frail elderly women who are living alone in the community and all they need is assistance with bill paying to stay in their home. We provide unduplicated services through these programs and the clients we usually serve, we serve for life. I've invited two special clients. Barbara came to us 4 years ago and was facing a housing crisis.

4) Barbara Becraft, Family Eldercare

I had a chance to stay at the shelter. I was laid off from my job at 61 from my job of four years. I filed for unemployment and then unemployment ran out and all of my savings ran out. Arms were not open for somebody that is over 60 looking for a job. I couldn't afford my apartment anymore. I found Eldercare through the yellow pages and they put me in the shelter for a while, they helped me focus on my options and how I was going to manage the rest of my life. Now I reside in Eldercare's Lyons Gardens and I was happy that the shelter was there for me. I had no relatives or family to turn to. It gave me time to arrange my life. I am so thankful for that. Thank you for listening.

5) Frank Stoudt, Family Eldercare

(Kendra Peters) Frank has been a client since of July 2006. He came to us facing a housing crisis because he was in the process of being evicted. We were able to become his reprehensive payee and stabilize him in his housing situation. He's a great neighbor and part of the community and we are honored to serve him.

(Frank Stoudt) What I like about Family Eldercare is that they help me with my bills. I'm looking for a job. Any job will due so far. Anyway, the housing is wonderful, but not for everybody. I could go on.

6) Stephanie Thomas, ADAPT

I'm with ADAPT of Texas and we're a disability rights group. One of things we're working on now is accessible affordable housing and those with disabilities that are stuck in a nursing home that should be able to live in the community. Not everyone that is in a nursing home needs to be there. The difference between people in the nursing home and those in the community are the supports that people do or do not have in the community. The people are trying to get out – we have fought for many years for community based services, but we are finding that there is not housing available to them that is affordable, accessible, and integrated. We got some vouchers from TDHCA, but now they will be restricted to go more to the rural areas. So people that need to live in the City due to transportation and services will be more up a creek than before. The housing authority is over burdened and is looking to serve higher income people, so there will be fewer housing for lower-income

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people. They want to serve people that are working, which in itself isn't evil. The City itself, except for y'all have turned their back on the lowest income people. If you're on SSI your income is around \$600 a month and there are not a lot of people looking to rent to those income levels.

The great new buildings going in downtown are really turning their backs on everyone. Keep Austin Weird, does not mean poor. So, everyone will have to live in the fringes. We are losing people from our organization because it takes so long to get into town on the bus. You have to focus on the lowest income levels. It's not OK and it needs to stop. You need to expand TBRA for the lowest income levels and other ideas should be explored. This is beyond a crisis and is not being addressed adequately. You should not support housing just for people with disabilities – it's not OK – it continues segregation in our community. The Fair Housing Program through Austin Tenant's Council is critical. Almost 60 percent of their complaints are disability related. Also, you should continue to fund the ABR program because it makes the housing accessible.

Questions

Karen Paup, Vice Chair -The Action Plan and the HACA have to certify each other's plans. Can you elaborate on HACA shifting to higher income households?

Stephanie Thomas – The problem is that we don't have enough for the lowest-income to begin with and others don't rush to serve that crowd and it cuts down and the number of units. They talk about people going to work. The idea is not bad, but if no one looks to serve the lowest income. Others, besides housing authority should serve the lowest as well. It's not fair to say that we can serve more people at a higher income because the affordability doesn't trickle down. People at the bottom get nothing. If you've ever been trickled on - it's not that great.

Karen Paup – Are you referring to a specific program that targets only those with disabilities?

Stephanie Thomas – Everyone at ADAPT feels strongly that there should not be segregated housings and there are complexes that are funded by the City – Section 811 is targeted to disabilities and the City has done a few of those. You continue prejudices by the community and cut people away from their support.

Karen Paup – So we don't have a program that we could change.

Stephanie Thomas – I don't know exactly the program, but there are units segregated that the City has funded. You can use 811 through integration and through TBRA assistance as well.

7) Cathy Cranston, ADAPT

I agree with everything that Stephanie said before you. It's important, unless you have lived or seen people that lived in segregated housing, it is hard to describe and explain discrimination. I support integrated, affordable, and accessible housing. People with disabilities and those that work at minimum wage can not afford rental housing at 60 percent or even 25 percent. You need to remember the working poor. Austin is a wonderful town, but if keep funding housing at 80 percent or higher, low-income households can not afford

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it and will have to move out. My husband and I were able to buy a house about 15 years ago and our housing payment is \$500 because I bought 15 years ago. When you talk about affordable homeownership now, it's not affordable. I'm happy to say that our family was able to participate in the ABR program, and it made our home accessible to my husband and our friends. When builders make housing, it is easy to put a flush entry instead of a lip to welcome all people. This City has gone a long way, but it took a lot of pushing by ADAPT and other advocates. ABR helps people that are renting. It's unfortunate that the builders don't do it themselves. More builders should create housing that is visitable. I support the fair housing program at Austin Tenant's Council because they provide a vital service to assist people that are discriminated against. Thank you.

8) Bo McCarver, Blackland CDC

I'm Chair of Blackland Community Development Corporation. In our little neighborhood we're working to be an inclusive neighborhood and we are creating a diverse housing stock. We work hard to keep to keep housing there for people with no housing. We work with SafePlace. We bring in neighbors, not tenants, and they stay there sometimes a year and some stay forever. They can stay forever as long as they pay their rent and they keep their nose clean. We're about housing and building community since 1986. We're about families and building community. We started fighting UT 12 years ago and they then divested 16 homes. We're finally finishing those homes. We were real lucky in 1985, UT gave us \$500,000 and we put in 11 units. The NHCD helped us rehab various houses since 1985 and now we have 34 houses and we want about 10 more. We bought some vacant lots in 1990 and 2002. We have about four lots we want to build out. This is one of those projects that doesn't fit any of the funding categories. One of the houses we want to convert to a community center. We were fortunately that the owner agreed to sell when she passed and she did. This lot maybe the last development of any size we do. We have quilters and gardeners in our neighborhood and we want to teach people those things in the community center. It is across from Alamo Park and we want to expand to have an arts and crafts center for kids by Alamo Park. At the same time, we would like to add 3 more houses. People call us about donating a house moved off a lot to us. There are no categories for moving houses – there's no money in the HOME funds to move homes. We could move them out of the City and move them back, but that would cost \$20,000. What we're trying to do is use our own elbow grease, the Austin Community Foundation gave us some money, and we get donations. You can come by and see us remodeling. We also have volunteers and we can cut down a lot of expense by slowly developing house by house, through incremental development. It cuts the cost by a third. The high cost to remodel a duplex is \$207,000 and \$125,000 for a single family unit which is too much and we can do it for a third if we do it slowly ourselves. With the City process, it is high dollar. When we have to borrow, you have to service the debt. Our average MFI is 41 percent MFI and some have Section 8 and we use the Section 8 funds to help with the homeless units. The staff are low paid. We meet every third Monday if you would like to come to a board meeting. A third of our housing is accessible and we are looking at green building. We don't need the money

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in one big lump and we need maybe \$100,000 a year or to be able to draw money when we need it. We'll have 25 percent of the single family houses in Blackland when we're done. If my renters buy, and our rent is about \$450 a month, they have to move out to Manor because everything would cost at least a quarter of a million dollars in our neighborhood.

Questions

Sabino Renteria (Chair) – You say you need \$100,000 a year?

Bo McCarver - That's what we can manage.

Jerome Garvey – I have a question about the bonds. Do you think the GO Bonds, which are supposed to be used in an innovative manner, allows for funding for you.

Bo McCarver - This is one of my motives to present here tonight. I think most of the housing is high dollar and requires debt service. I would love to see the bonds used in a more innovative manor. We are a minimum of 40 years affordability and some of our housing has covenants that require us to serve less than 60 percent MFI. We are not hitting low enough with the 60 percent goal. There are fewer CDCs than their used to be. Bonds are looking at neighborhood-based programs, but higher dollar programs.

9) Richard Troxell, President of House the Homeless and Legal Aid for the Homeless

My office is at ARCH. I suggest you fund every program you hear today. The U.S. Conference of Mayors found that you can't get housing for minimum wage. Did you know that people receiving SSI, get a little less than half of that? People have to double or triple up to deal with that. Since 1989, I've been helping people prove that they are disabled so they can receive SSI. I have seen these people with this check remain homeless on the streets of Austin – hundreds and hundreds of people. We should find a way to take that check and immediately house those people, but the housing is still out of their reach. By using the HUD Section 8 formula, we could create a supplemental check they add to their check and put them in the meekest of housing. There are 12 states that have come to the same conclusion and they have created a program that subsidizes SSI – Section 8 L – a local program that would subsidize people with a Section 8 voucher. We would be able to house people. People remain homeless, some of them are housed but on the fringes which requires them to take public transportation that takes them 3 hours in a single direction to get them to their job. Our recommendation is an investment of \$10 million over 10 years. We could help people apply for project based Section 8 and Section 8 vouchers and we use the current services to wrap around people and provide the services they need. What we're saying is that we have a community need and they are the most needy of our people and without further assistance will remain homeless in the City of Austin. We could stretch that dollar with by partnering with the housing authority.

Questions

Karen Paup, Vice Chair - Would the program be parallel to Section 8 and TBRA?

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Richard Troxell – To bring other dollars into that person's income would be offsetting dollars and they might reduce their check. It would be different from TBRA because it would allow someone to receive a SSI check through one of the homeless services. They would be eligible to receive the supplemental check.

Ivan Javier Narranjo – Have you seen or heard of this program operating other places?

Richard Troxell – It was my original idea and I went to HUD website and learned that 12 states that provide a supplemental check on some level. What we're suggesting is that Texas has not taken that step and our need is still here. It would be a message to our legislature; we could implement this and point to this program.

Jerome Garvey – If supplemental check is tied to housing it doesn't create an off set?

Richard Troxell – That's correct.

10) Nancy Cates, Mary Lee Foundation

My name is Nancy Cates and I'm here representing the Mary Lee Foundation which is located off of south Lamar on Lamar square drive. Mary Lee Foundation started 44 years ago – providing a way for mentally retarded women to live in the community like everyone else and started something brand new at that time. Over the years, we have continued to meet the requests and the needs of the community. We are in the throws of providing housing for very low-income housing. One of our greatest assets is being located next to a bus stop, we are close to downtown area and it makes it easy to work and live. We are presently working on a project called the Willows, which is an old apartment complex that we purchased. Presently it has 20 apartments built in the 60s and 70s, but by receiving funding so that we can divide up some of the apartments that are there and add additional apartments on a separate floor, so we can provide 52 apartments that has an elevator, a nice laundry room and meeting room, and 24 of those apartments will be wheelchair accessible. So we appreciate what your efforts are, and we hope that they continue. One of the reasons that we need to add so many more apartments where we are is that the closing of the Stone Ridge Apartments, which is two blocks down the road from us, and we are getting calls every day from people who are panicked about where they're going to go and wanting to know if we can supply housing. Our waiting list is about 50 now and we get about 25 calls a week asking about housing. Most don't bother to get on the waiting list.

We also have a brain injury program on our campus, and the people who come out of that are people with disabilities, lifetime disabilities usually. Many of them cannot return home, and they are looking for housing as well. We began to see that a good number of people that go into that program that can not go home again. For instance, if a father can not work, the wife can not take care of the husband and the children. The parents might get divorced and the wife will apply for disability and then contact us looking for housing as well. So we are very much into very low-income housing, accessible housing, and also providing the

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services that they need, medication oversight and case management and that sort of thing. I have to second and third everything you've heard about very-low income housing.

11) David Wittie, ADAPT of Texas

I don't understand what affordable means – at around \$10,000 a year I can't afford affordable housing in Austin. I live in Garden Terrace, the first SRO in Austin. The situation there is that most of the people that live there have a disability of some kind – physical or emotional and the structured environment has stressed out a lot of the people there. People have no choice. I'm trying to develop other choices. We shouldn't have segregation that forces me to live in a situation that is a social experiment that goes wrong. For example, one of my neighbors was aging out of the SPS program and has at least 6 social workers. Six weeks after she moved in she had a notice of eviction because she was not receiving her check because the state was still cashing her check even though she no longer part of their system. She chose me as the representative payee. HACA has a policy that we go in for the recertification process and the case worker discovered that I was the payee and HACA policy counts her income for her and for me – the same amount. It's probably happened to other people. I have worked with Austin Tenant's Council and I wanted to let you know that I support everything that was said by her 110 percent. People need someone advocating for them. If I lose my housing, I will have to live in the library like so many other people. Libraries are critical, but not essential.

Questions

Ivan Javier Naranjo–Isn't segregation for housing like segregation for a hospital where people that need the same type of services are clustered together?

David Wittie – Housing should provide the basics, but should not be tied to a service program because some people don't need all of the services. They should be different. The medical model doesn't address people with disabilities. For my life, I've worked since I went to UT and I've had a lot of different jobs. I even worked at Capital Metro for a decade and I couldn't even ride the buses because they were not accessible. I chose to live in housing that wasn't accessible because it wasn't available. I've benefited that I have lived in a non-segregated environment. The benefits from living in the community far out way having services tied to your housing needs. I don't need to be catered to and not be able to grow as a person in the community.

Dorothy Patton - Did you have to get a notary republic to state that even though you had an account with both of our names and that you weren't using any of her money? It doesn't sound like HACA policy.

David Wittie – Yes, I got a notarized statement. I have another appointment at HACA next week where maybe I'll find out more information.

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12) Kathy Stark, Director of Austin Tenant's Council

I'm the director of the Austin Tenants' Council that has been around for a long time and NHCD has supported us so that we can do our job. ATC is the only agency that concentrates on landlord tenant issues. We also have a fair housing program and we try to assist people in their housing rights to ensure they aren't segregated and they can live where they want and can afford to live. Sixty percent of the people with a fair housing complaint are disability complaints and a large chunk of those are mental disabilities. We do a lot of negotiating to allow people to live where they want to live. Housing is the lynch pin for everyone, but if you don't have housing, how can you find a job, get services, and get your kids in school. There's a huge gap that is getting larger and getting more critical for very low-income households - 30 percent and below. We talk to over 1,200 tenants a year and I've noticed over the last year of two, there are more and more people skating the edge of losing their housing. If they or their kid is sick and they miss a day or two of work, they are on the edge and may not be able to pay their rent. It's harder once people are homeless and it's more costly for the community to assist people once they are homeless. I would encourage as much as CDBG can go to housing as possibility. Bond money is good, but CDBG and HOME are continuing and we have built our housing on those funds and we need to target our money towards that issue.

13) Rory O'Malley, Austin CHDO Roundtable

I'm with the Austin CHDO Roundtable, the organization of non-profit housing organizations. I endorse and agree with everything that Kathy Stark has said. We're in this booming economy and what's happening is lots of investors are coming in and grabbing housing and converting that to higher priced housing. Some one spoke of South Ridge on South Lamar, but we are losing housing in the Oltorf area, the East Riverside area, and 51st and 52nd street area. What some folks in the community may not know is that most low-income households are living in privately owned, non-subsidized affordable housing that could be converted. I encourage you with CDBG, HOME, and Bond money to make funds available for existing nonprofits to buy that housing and keep them affordable. For households that want to become homeowners, people must live outside of the City and the County, to find somewhere to live. They don't have access to the library and health systems. Money should be spent on the things that Bo McCarver was talking about that renovate existing housing. We should also support organizations such as Habitat and Guadalupe. We should support CLT to keep the land affordable forever. I hope you focus the money on those with the most critical needs.

14) Mitchell Gibbs, Habitat for Humanity

Hi, I'm Communications Director for Austin Habitat. This year we will serve our 200th family. We make housing available to people who can't afford a house any other way. We are serving 25 percent to 50 percent MFI and we are struggling more and more to serve

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those incomes. It costs us about \$115,000 to provide a house and we sell it for about \$55,000 to make their monthly mortgage payment plus taxes about \$500 a month. We can afford to help some people, with help from the City of Austin, AHFC, we are going to put 200 houses on the ground. About a third of those are possible thanks to funding from the City to buy land that those houses sit. A piece of land is at least \$25,000. We need money to buy more land now before it sky rockets even further. We're in the process of buying larger pieces of land now. It needs to be an integrated community and we can only do it with the support of the City. We provide homebuyer education, which no one else has mentioned tonight. Every family that goes through our program goes through 24 units of homebuyer education. We don't want to set them up to fail. We are dedicated to the success of all of our homeowners and we ask for your continued support.

15) Claudia Conner, BIGAustin

I stand in awe and overwhelmed from what I heard so far and I hope the doers of Austin hear this and be aware. I'm honored to be here. All of us in this room are maybe one or two paychecks away from that. Diversity is important and will help our children. We need to be able to see and be involved in all of the needs of the community. I do represent BIG Austin. BIG Austin is a nonprofit organization and we assist the homeless, veterans and many of our clients are entrepreneurs, or are entrepreneur-minded people. We have classes to educate individuals on opening businesses. We are business advisors to small businesses. We build confidence in the community. We encourage individuals, whether they are business owners or not. We started at Ebenezer 12 years ago and now we are honored to be back in East Austin in one of the ARA buildings. Some people may not know we are available to them. We have classes to help people improve their credit to help qualify for a loan. We have classes for existing businesses to grow their businesses. We tailored a class for Katrina evacuees to meet their immediate needs and make them familiar with East Austin. I own Gene's New Orleans style PoBoys and Deli. We are honored to be here.

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1) Fred McGhee

I request that the CDC recommend the funding of a historic preservation study. The purpose of the study would be to develop a GIS compatible database of historic properties (historic buildings as well as archaeological sites) in East Austin. The study should be conducted by PROFESSIONALS, not by UT Professors and/or their graduate students.

The need for such an inventory is longstanding. A baseline assessment of historic properties not only adds to our understanding of the history of East Austin (and Austin generally) but makes managing those resources easier, especially if they are slated for demolition or redevelopment.

There are other reasons, but I am trying to keep my comments short.

An assessment of this nature--and this is an informed estimate--can be done for about \$50,000, depending on project details. Existing SOW's for such assessments are widely available and can be easily tailored for Austin's needs by city staff. The city can also solicit proposals.

Is a historic properties assessment "truly" a community need? I would argue that it is. Moreover the federal government says that it is, as I have argued before the CDC on numerous occasions. Aggressive "redevelopment" especially in historically significant neighborhoods without attention to historic preservation is irresponsible. I would argue that it is also unethical.

Several surveys of East Austin historic properties are already in existence. But these typically have at least three shortcomings: they are not GIS compatible, they do not include archaeological sites, and they are not comprehensive. Moreover, some of the studies are now old and have not been updated in years.

In sum, my input is that the CDC recommend the expenditure of \$50,000 for the funding of a historic preservation study of East Austin.

Many thanks for the opportunity to furnish input.

Warm Regards,

Fred L. McGhee, Ph.D.
President and Principal Investigator
Fred L. McGhee & Associates

2) Doug Whitworth

Why don't you run a query against the existing census data from 2000 to find the citizens with the lowest Median Family Income and then just give them the money in the form of direct grant monies that must be applied towards housing? You would have to arbitrarily

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choose the number of families that would receive the benefit, but 10,000 people could be getting an extra 100 per month for rent money for a year if you did it this way. The impact would be incredible.

4) Erica McKewen

I am an Austin resident and am hoping to buy my first home within the next year. I have been interested in the Mueller development. The challenges to owning your first home are big. Unfortunately I make about \$1,000 more per year than what is considered "low income" and what therefore qualifies for the SMART housing program.

Without a sizable down payment, even a very modest home will require mortgage payments that are outside of my reach. It will take several more years for me to save enough money for a 10 percent down payment. I know you will be discussing plans for the federal funding you will receive in October. I hope you will reevaluate the income requirements for SMART housing and other programs that would help Austinites own a home.

Additionally, I would like to see the city explore a new program that would help those of us "in between" to be able to purchase a home. I believe there are many of us in this category--we make too much to qualify for the programs, but not enough to actually afford a mortgage. Thanks for considering.



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City of Austin Monitoring Plan

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The City of Austin's monitoring plan outlines the processes used to monitor compliance with federal, state and local requirements of assisted programs and project activities. Four monitoring processes are outlined in this section. The first addresses monitoring active contracts; the second addresses monitoring projects with an affordability period, or long-term monitoring requirements; the third addresses monitoring compliance with the City's Section 3 Plan; and the fourth describes performance measurement tracking and reporting.

The goal of the City of Austin's monitoring process is to assess sub-recipient/contractor performance in the areas of program, financial and administrative compliance with federal, state and municipal regulations and current program guidelines. Under this plan, all programs and project activities are monitored annually through one or more of the following components.

I. ACTIVE CONTRACTS

Prior to executing any agreement or obligation, monitoring takes the form of a compliance review. Verification is obtained to ensure that the proposed activity to be funded has received the proper authorization through venues such as the annual Action Plan, environmental review and fund release, and identification in the IDIS system. Funded activities generally are recognized in form of internal or external projects.

Internal Projects. For internal activities implemented by the City staff, compliance begins with written program guidelines, documentation and tracking mechanisms that will be used to demonstrate compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

External Projects. For project activities implemented through external programs or third party contracts with non-profit, for-profit and community-based organizations, contract compliance may include:

- Development of a comprehensive Notice Of Fund Availability (NOFA)/Request For Proposals (RFP) which details performance, financial and regulatory responsibilities;
- Review and execution of a contract that includes, at a minimum, meeting the national objective, performance measures, a spending plan, a performance plan, a reporting format, reporting timelines, a budget and all applicable regulations referenced; and
- Subsequent verification of performance through desk, file, and/or on-site review.

Whether for internal or external projects, monitoring/compliance activities may include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. **Compliance Review prior to obligation of funds.** Prior to entering into any agreement or obligation of entitlement funds, the City conducts a compliance review to verify that the program activity has been duly authorized. The compliance review consists of:
 - Verification that the program activity has been approved as part of the Action Plan for the specified funding source and year;

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- Confirmation of the availability of applicable funds for the specific activity;
- Verification that the activity has received an environmental review and fund release;
- Verification that the activity has been set up and identified in the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS); and
- Confirmation that the scope of work defined in the contract has adequately addressed performance, financial and tracking responsibilities necessary to report and document accomplishments.

After this information has been verified, staff may proceed to obtain authorization and utilize entitlement funds for the activity.

2. **Administrative Desk Audit.** Before processing an invoice for payment, staff reviews the information to be sure that the item or service is an eligible expense and it is part of the contract budget. Staff also reviews performance reports and supporting documentation submitted with invoices to ensure that the contractor is performing in accordance with the terms of the current contract, any amendments, and the scope of work. The contractor's insurance certificate is also reviewed regularly to ensure that it is still in effect. This level of monitoring is performed on an ongoing basis throughout the duration of the contract and is documented through the use of an Administrative Desk Audit Review (ADA).

Through the review of performance reports and other documentation submitted by the contractor, staff is able to identify problems early and facilitate corrections or improvements. Should staff identify problems, he/she will work with the contractor to provide the necessary technical assistance to reach resolution. However, if no resolution of identified problems occurs or the contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, staff has the authority to enforce default provisions in the contract.

3. **Records Audit.** The review at this level includes a review of all file documents as needed. A file checklist is used to determine if the required documents are present. Through the review of performance reports and other documentation submitted by the contractor, staff is able to identify problems early and facilitate corrections or improvements. Should staff identify problems, he/she will work with the contractor to provide the necessary technical assistance to reach resolution. However, if no resolution of identified problems occurs or the contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, staff has the authority to suspend further payments to the contractor until such time that issues have been satisfactorily resolved.
4. **Selected On-Site Monitoring.** An internally conducted risk assessment will be used to determine the priority of site reviews to be conducted. Based on the results of the risk assessment, a selected number of projects may have an on-site review conducted. The performance of contractors is reviewed for compliance with the program guidelines and the terms and conditions of the contract. In particular, staff verifies program administration and regulatory compliance in the following areas:
 - Performance (*e.g.* meeting a national objective, conducting eligible activities, achieving contract objectives, performing scope of work activities, maintaining contract schedule, abiding by the contract budget);

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- General management practices;
- Financial management practices (*e.g.* utilizing an accounting system, establishing and abiding by internal controls);
- Record keeping/reporting practices;
- Compliance with applicable anti-discrimination and accessibility regulations and ordinances (*e.g.* ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Fair Housing Act, Visitability Ordinance; and

Additional activity-specific reviews (*e.g.* housing rehabilitation, economic development, public facilities, acquisition, and disposition) may include the following activities:

- In-house preparation or desk audit-review of all contract files
- On-site visit at the physical address of the contractor to review all contractor files

There will be follow-up, as necessary, to ascertain regulatory and program administration compliance.

5. **Project Closeout.** Once a project activity has been completed and all eligible project funds expended, the staff may require the contractor to submit a project closeout package. The project closeout will provide documentation to confirm whether the contractor was successful in completing all performance and financial objectives of the contractor. Staff will review and ask the contractor, if necessary, to reconcile any conflicting information previously submitted. The project closeout will constitute the final report for the project. Successful completion of a project means that all project activities, requirements, and responsibilities of the contractor have been adequately addressed and completed.

II. ON-GOING MONITORING

As a condition to providing federal funds involving housing or real property, HUD and the City may require extended periods of obligation beyond the initial performance objectives of a project in order to justify the amount of funding provided. These extended periods of obligation, also known as affordability periods, may last up to 20 years or longer. On-Going Monitoring (OGM) is the function to monitor compliance with these long-term obligations secured through the use of restrictive covenants, real estate deeds of trust and notes. OGM is responsible for determining if long-term compliance obligations are continuing to be met. Staff verifies that beneficiaries of the City-funded programs adhere to the terms and conditions of their agreements throughout the terms of their loan agreements. As non-compliant projects are identified, staff provides technical assistance to beneficiaries to facilitate compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements. This type of monitoring is an important decision-making tool in evaluating and demonstrating program success/performance.

On-going monitoring activities include the following:

1. Desk Review

There are two forms a desk review may take:

- i. Online research of property ownership, tax and other public records; and

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- ii. Review of compliance reports provided by beneficiaries such as performance and/or occupancy reports, income verifications, property inspection reports, and financial audits.

2. Site Review

Based upon a risk assessment of each property, staff may conduct a site visit to inspect the property, confirm information provided by beneficiaries, and/or determine the adequacy of on-site records.

3. Corrective Action Enforcement

Beneficiaries are notified in writing regarding any compliance deficiencies, corrective action needed and a deadline for responding. Technical assistance is provided to facilitate correction of deficiencies and to help beneficiaries understand the requirements and conditions set forth in their respective lien documents.

4. Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will be provided to cure deficiencies and insure the beneficiaries know and understand the requirements and conditions set forth in their respective lien documents.

III. SECTION 3: Increasing Employment Opportunities for Low-income Residents

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) requires the City of Austin to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, are directed to public housing residents and other low-income persons, particularly recipients of government housing assistance, and business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons.

Section 3 Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Office of the City of Austin to require its subrecipients and contractors to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran's or marital status, or economic status and to take affirmative action to ensure that both job applicants and existing employees are given fair and equal treatment.

NHCD implements this policy through the awarding of federally assisted contracts to contractors, vendors, and suppliers that may include construction related activities. To the greatest extent feasible, the Section 3 policy is designed to help create employment and business opportunities in construction related activities for Section 3 residents of the City and other qualified low- and very low-income persons residing in project areas.

It is anticipated that the policy may result in a reasonable level of success in the recruitment, employment, and utilization of Section 3 residents and other eligible persons and business by Section 3 contractors working on construction related contracts partially or wholly funded with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monies. Prior to acting on any proposed contract award, NHCD and its subrecipients shall examine and consider a contractor's or vendor's potential for success not only in the cost for services, but also by its stated efforts to provide employment and business opportunities to Section 3 residents should employment opportunities arise

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during the course of the funded construction related activity. NHCD and its subrecipients may provide extra consideration to contractors and vendors making efforts to meet or exceed established Section 3 policy employment goals in the award of these contracts.

Monitoring Compliance with the Section 3 Plan

NHCD, in conjunction with other appropriate City Departments, will develop a Section 3 Action Plan to identify the goals, objectives, and actions that will be implemented to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 3. NHCD will identify these goals and objectives in its contracts and agreements and will monitor and track the efforts of contractors and vendors to comply with Section 3 requirements. NHCD will provide an annual report to HUD that will identify the efforts made in increasing employment opportunities in construction related activities to Section 3 residents and businesses.

IV. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TRACKING AND REPORTING

The recent HUD NOTICE CPD-03-09 encourages State and Local entitlements to develop Performance Measurement Systems for Community Planning. In fiscal year 1998-99, the City of Austin began implementing performance measure tracking and reporting. Each department was required to submit performance measures for tracking and reporting. These measures were mostly output and efficiency measures, i.e. units produced and cost per unit.

Beginning in fiscal year 2004-05, NHCD added a new outcome measure to track the impact of the clients served with the greater community. Every year the City sends a customer survey to a random sample of Austin residents. One of the questions asked is: "What is your overall satisfaction of the availability of affordable housing for low/moderate income families?" The five selectable responses are: 1) very low, 2) somewhat low, 3) no opinion, 4) somewhat high, and 5) very high.

In addition to this information on a city-wide basis, NHCD will also provide a survey to recent clients served and ask the same question. These responses will be tabulated and compared with overall city opinion on the satisfaction of the availability of affordable housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, on March 7, 2006, issued the *Notice of Outcome Performance Measurement System for Community Planning and Development Formula Grant Programs*. This Notice describes the new required outcome performance measurement system for communities that receive formula grants. The City of Austin's outcome performance measures allows HUD to clearly demonstrate program results at the national level. The City of Austin began collecting these new outcome performance measures in fiscal year 2006-07.

APPENDIX II:

Affirmative Marketing and Minority Outreach

Affirmative Marketing and Minority Outreach

As a recipient of federal funds, the City of Austin must adopt affirmative marketing procedures and requirements for federally-assisted rental and homebuyer projects. Affirmative marketing steps consist of actions to provide information and otherwise attract eligible persons in the housing market area to the available housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

The City of Austin's Equal Employment and Fair Housing Commission informs the public of Austin's fair housing laws. The City has adopted laws that go beyond the federal guidelines to make protections based on race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, age (18 years or older), status as a student, physical and mental handicap, parenthood, sexual orientation and marital status. The City is working to strengthen partnerships between the Commission, the Austin Tenants' Council and the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities to address the problems of housing discrimination. The City also provided a forum to discuss housing discrimination with stakeholders at the "Community Conversations" Forum in 2005.

With changing demographics in Austin (Hispanic and Asian population has dramatically increased in the last 10 years), there are challenges when marketing to an eligible population that is limited English proficient (LEP). If there is an LEP population, NHCD strives to meet this need by:

- Translating marketing material to serve this population,
- Working with the language minority-owned print media, radio and television stations,
- Partnering with faith-based and community organizations that serve newly arrived immigrants, and
- Conducting marketing activities and educational sessions in Spanish at community outreach events, such as Homebuyer Fairs.

I. Affirmative Marketing Plan

When a homeowner or rental housing project containing five or more units will be constructed, the City of Austin and/or its subrecipients will provide information to the community to attract eligible persons who are least likely to access affordable housing opportunities; which may include low to moderate income individuals, minority groups, residents of Public Housing and residents of manufactured housing. Information may be provided through neighborhood association newsletters, informational flyers, events, newspaper ads, posting on the City's website, home tours, postcards, groundbreakings, Austin Board of Realtors listing, press releases, homebuyer fairs and workshops, education classes, and advertisements on the City television station without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

In each program's guidelines, requirements for owners are outlined. Each owner is required to agree to carry out the following affirmative marketing procedures and requirements.

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1. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because of race, color, religion or national origin.
2. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because that individual has children who will be residing in that dwelling.
3. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because that individual is eligible for public housing assistance.
4. The business/builder/non-profit shall conduct special outreach to a target group of persons least likely to apply through advertisement in newspapers whose circulation is primarily among the target group, as well as through notification of appropriate community groups and agencies.
5. The business/builder/non-profit shall advertise all homes for sale and apartments for rent in the appropriate local media.
6. The business/builder/non-profit shall include in all advertising HUD's Equal Housing Opportunity logo, slogan or statement, as defined in 24 CFR 200.600.
7. The business/builder/non-profit shall instruct all employees and agents both orally and in writing about the City's affirmative marketing requirements.
8. The business/builder/non-profit shall prominently display in its office HUD's Fair Housing Poster or Equal Housing Opportunity logo.
9. The business/builder/non-profit must keep on file any and all sales advertisements and applicant information. Copies of this information must be forwarded upon request to staff so that staff may properly assess the affirmative marketing practices.
10. Nondiscrimination: In the performance of its obligations under this agreement, The business/builder/non-profit will comply with the provisions of any federal, state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing on the grounds of race, color, sex, creed or national origin, including Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241), all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Regulations of the Secretary (24 CFR, Subtitle A, Part I) or pursuant to that Title; regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order 11063, and Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

The City of Austin keeps files of all marketing efforts.

Austin will report on its annual accomplishments in the CAPER. The measurement of the City's success will be to compare program participation to the City of Austin's overall demographics. The City of Austin will work with any contractor who is not meeting the requirements of the affirmative marketing plan to provide necessary technical assistance and guidance.

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II. Minority Outreach Plan

On February 19, 1987, the Austin City Council passed an ordinance establishing the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program. The City Council approved major amendments to that ordinance on July 13, 1995. The program, which is administered by the City Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (DSMBR), established procurement goals for City departments that target Minority- or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE). To qualify as a MBE/WBE, the business must be certified by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture or any other business entity that is owned, managed and operated by a minority or woman, and which performs a commercially useful function. Once certified, MBE/WBE vendors are included on a citywide database that details the products and services they provide by commodity code. This database is also available to prime contractors who are seeking to subcontract with City-certified MBE/WBE vendors.

The City of Austin produces the Contractor/subcontractor Activity Report after the close of every contract which is used to determine the amount of MBE/WBE contracts.

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III. Plan for Increasing Homeownership for Special Populations

In addition to minority populations, federal programs like ADDI require special outreach efforts be conducted to more specialized segments of the community. The City of Austin has expanded its outreach efforts to particular segments of the community that have historically low participation level in the homeownership. These targeted populations may include but are not limited to residents of public housing and tenants of manufactured housing. Through increased coordination with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), additional criteria will be developed that may allow public housing tenants additional consideration in accessing homeowner housing developed through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and through local Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO). Tenants of manufactured housing will be encouraged to participate through several homeownership fairs scheduled to be conducted in areas with high levels of manufactured housing. Through the information and training provided during the fairs, tenants of manufactured housing will be encouraged in become home owners, rather than renters. Further follow up with tenants will help identify those low income households that may be able to take advantage of existing homeownership opportunities. Low income household tenants that currently are unable to qualify for homeownership because of issues such as debt, credit, and income may be referred to accredited housing counseling providers.

IV. Long Term Homeownership Maintenance Plan

Increased foreclosure rates nationally indicate the need to ensure that low income homebuyers can not only purchase their home, but maintain homeownership as well. It is the intent of the City of Austin to help increase homeownership and help ensure long term stability of new first time home owners. It must be recognized that some low income households may not be ready to participate in homeownership. This can be accomplished through a series of proactive actions that include 1) restricting assistance to only low-income households that have demonstrated financial capabilities in obtaining and maintaining homeownership and 2) not participating in lending transactions that can be detrimental to the long term stability of the low income homeowner. In addition, the City will utilize the following plan of action in increasing long term homeownership stability and minimize the possibility of foreclosures of low income first time homebuyers:

1. Developing reasonable program lending criteria – This establishes limitations of fees and down payment assistance for City participation and helps minimize the effect of potential predatory lending.
2. Conducting needs based financial analysis – This identifies for the client the amount of assistance actually needed and whether reasonable costs are being charged by the lender and/or seller by potentially within industry standards
3. Pre-purchase homebuyer counseling – This requires the client to be informed prior to purchase of a home of the home buying process and requirements. The homebuyer will receive appropriate referrals to qualified housing counseling agencies.

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4. Post-purchase homeowner counseling – This requires follow up contact with the homebuyer and identifies issues that left unchecked may lead to a foreclosure situation. The homeowner will receive appropriate referrals to qualified housing counseling agencies.

APPENDIX III:

HUD 2007 Income Guidelines

APPENDIX III
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
City of Austin

HUD Income Limits by Household Size
Effective Date: March 20, 2007

FY 2007 Area Median Family Income
For Travis County, Texas
\$69,300

MSA: Austin – Round Rock, TX.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30% Median Income <i>(30% of median defined by HUD)</i>	14,950	17,100	19,200	21,350	23,050	24,750	26,450	28,200
40% Median Income*	19,900	22,750	25,600	28,450	30,750	33,000	35,300	37,550
50% Median Income <i>(very low income defined by HUD)</i>	24,900	28,450	32,000	35,550	38,400	41,250	44,100	46,950
60% Median Income*	29,850	34,150	38,400	42,650	46,050	49,500	52,900	56,300
65% Median Income*	32,350	36,950	41,600	46,200	49,900	53,600	57,300	60,500
80% Median Income <i>(low-income defined by HUD)</i>	39,850	45,500	51,200	56,900	61,450	66,000	70,550	75,100

* MFI figures were internally calculated and not defined directly by HUD; to be used for other program purposes only

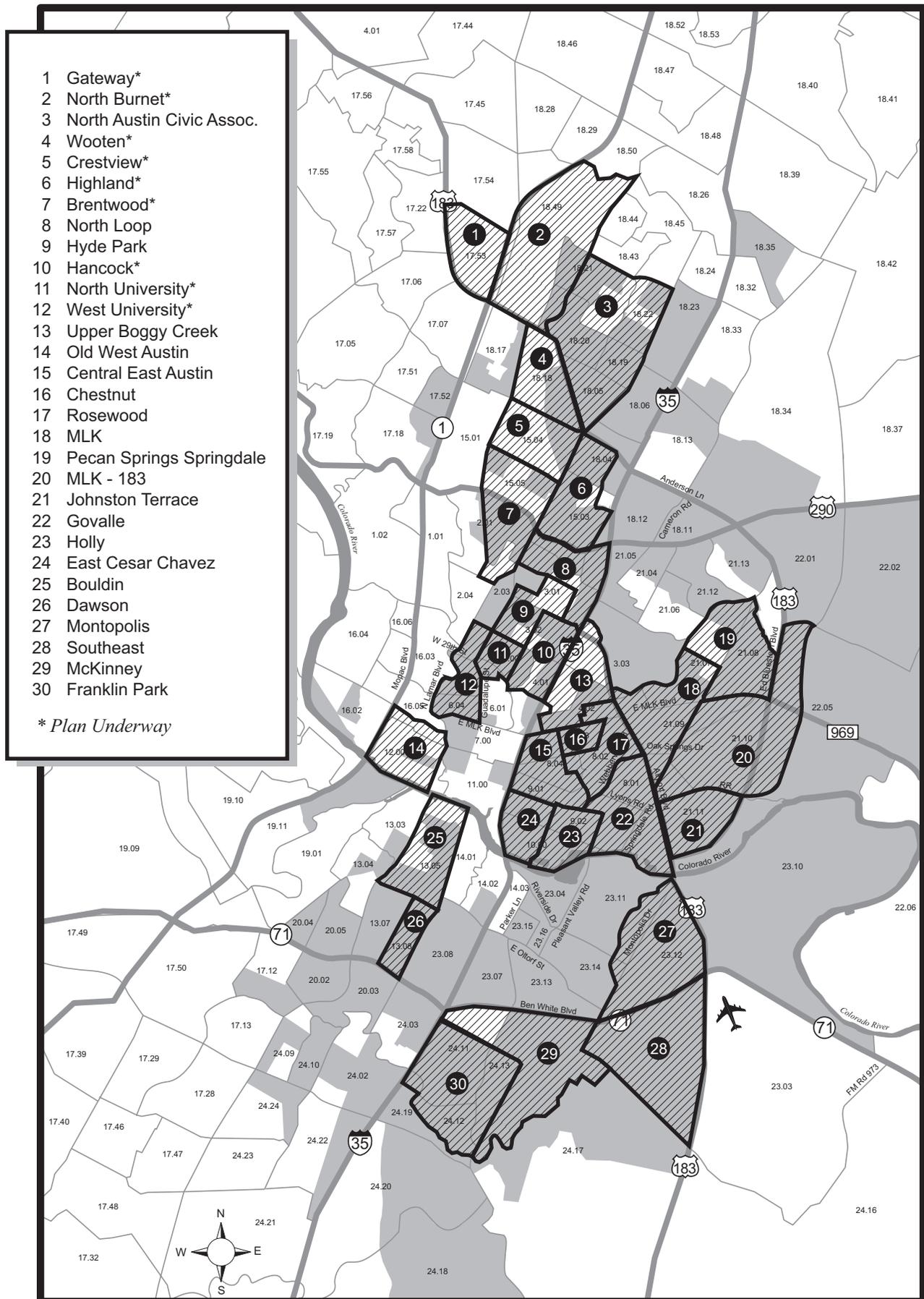
APPENDIX IV:

Maps

Neighborhood Planning Areas

Low to Moderate Income Census Tracts

Neighborhood Planning Areas



Source: City of Austin

Source: 2000 Census

CDBG and HOME Priority Areas

INSET



Source: 2000 Census



The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Dolores Gonzalez is the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. If you have any questions or complaints regarding your ADA/Section 504 rights, please call her at (512) 974-3256 (voice) or (512) 974-2445(TTY).